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The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 P.M. to Tuesday, December 3, 1996, 5:30 P.M., for a workshop on the status of the Three-Year Infrastructure Action Plan, the Automation Plan and other capital projects.

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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 session at 7:05 P.M. on Tuesday, November 26, 1996, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers and other staff representatives.

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

Beach Cities Cadet Squadron #107 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Associate Pastor Wayne Holbrook, Believer's Family Fellowship, led the invocation for the meeting.

3. **AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING/FURTHER READING**

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved that, after the City Clerk has read the number and 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 the regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

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4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced that Agenda Item No. 14a (Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of a Precise Plan of Development at 22326 Redbeam Avenue - Betsy Miller) was withdrawn.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Finance and Government Operations Committee

Tuesday, November 26, 1996 - 5:30 P.M.

West Annex Commission Meeting Room

Subject: 1st Quarter Budget Report; Year-End Closure of Fiscal Year 95/96; Department Budget Reallocations; and Street Light Assessment District

Committee Chairman Lee announced that the Finance and Government Operations Committee meeting was held and that the topics discussed (shown above) will be presented to the Council in the near future.

City Council Workshop

Tuesday, December 3, 1996 - 5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Subject: Three-Year Infrastructure Action Plan; the Automation Plan; and Other Capital Projects.

Mayor Hardison announced the December 3, 1996 City Council workshop to discuss the Three-Year Infrastructure Plan, the Automation Plan and other capital projects.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 96-158 RE MICHAEL F. TAMBLE**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 96-158.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-158. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE LIEUTENANT MICHAEL F. TAMBLE FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 96-157 RE RONALD K. RUBY**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 96-157.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-157. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER RONALD KEITH
RUBY FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring December 1, 1996 as World Aids Awareness Day to Ms. Bernice Ryan, Ms. Sandy Brigham and Ms. Janice Sawyer of the Torrance Council of PTAs.

6d. **PROCLAMATION RE CIVIL AIR PATROL WEEK**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the week of December 1 through 7, 1996 as Civil Air Patrol Week to Phil Laisure, Commander Squadron 129; John Staudt, Vice Commander of the Civil Air Patrol; Charlene Jordan, Commander Squadron 107; and Mark Williams, California Wing Cadette Program. The Civil Air Patrol presented a plaque to the City in appreciation of the City's support of the Civil Air Patrol and in recognition of the Patrol's 55th anniversary.

e. **25 YEAR AWARD TO LIEUTENANT JACK MC DONALD AND
OFFICERS RICHARD ANDERSON AND THOMAS NANCARROW**

The Council presented watches to Police Lieutenant Jack McDonald and Officers Richard Anderson and Thomas Nancarrow in recognition of their 25 years of service to the City of Torrance. Mayor Hardison noted that Lieutenant McDonald and Officers Anderson and Nancarrow attended the police academy together and that they have served the City of Torrance together for 25 years.

At the request of Mayor Hardison, Police Chief DeLaurantey announced that Torrance was recognized by Money Magazine as the 39th safest and most livable city out of 202 cities across the nation.

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At this time, Agenda Item No. 20 was considered out of order.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:35 P.M. the Council took a brief recess and then entered into an executive session to confer with the City Negotiator and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under 20.1.a (Conference with Labor Negotiator), 20.2.a (Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation) and 20.3.a (Real Property - Conference with Real Property Negotiator) authorized by Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8. (See page 12 for additional information regarding executive session.)

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The Council reconvened in a regular session at 7:50 P.M.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **INVESTMENT ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1996**

RECOMMENDATION

The City's Statement of Investment Policy requires the City Treasurer to report a monthly statement of investment activity. The City Treasurer recommends that the City Council accept and file the Investment Activity Report for September and October 1996.

7b. **CANCELLATION OF PAGING FREQUENCY**

Considered until later in the meeting (see page 5).

7c. **PURCHASE ORDER RE 12 UTILITY BODIES FOR CITY VEHICLES**

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of General Services and the Director of Fleet Services recommend that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for \$38,503.05 to California Truck Equipment Co. (CTEC), Downey, CA, to furnish and install twelve (12) utility bodies on vehicles provided by the City.

7d. PURCHASE ORDER RE SECURITY FOR TORRANCE TRANSIT

RECOMMENDATION

The Acting Director of General Services and the Director of Fleet Services recommend that the City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued to American Professional Security of Gardena, CA, for a one-year period of time with an anticipated amount not to exceed \$94,432.80, plus a 10% Contingency of \$9,443.28; to provide security service for the Torrance Transit Division.

7e. PURCHASE ORDER RE CITY NEWSLETTER AND RECREATION ROUNDABOUT

RECOMMENDATION

The Acting Director of General Services recommends that the City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$50,944.00 plus a 10% contingency of \$5,094.40, to Rodgers & McDonald Graphics, Carson, CA, to print and deliver the City of Torrance Citywide Newsletter and Recreation Roundabout on a quarterly basis.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a and 7c through 7e. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Agenda Item No. 7b was considered at this time.

7b. CANCELLATION OF PAGING FREQUENCY

RECOMMENDATION

The Information Systems Director requests (1) the approval of the cancellation of the City's paging frequency 929.0125; and (2) the approval of the agreement prepared by the City Attorney's office which establishes specific paging equipment and service requirements from Nationwide Paging in exchange for the aforementioned cancellation.

In answer to inquiries from the Council, staff provided input concerning this item. City Manager Jackson clarified that the City plans to eventually use only one vendor and that the agreements were reviewed in detail by the City Attorney's office.

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MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the approval of Agenda Item No. 7b as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

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9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

9a. **FY 1995-1996 FTA SECTION 5307 GRANT AGREEMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

The Fleet Services Director recommends that Council authorize the Mayor to execute the FY 1995-1996 Section 5307 grant agreement (formerly Section 9) for project CA-90-X769 with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of \$1,530,999 to assist in funding the purchase of five 40 foot replacement buses and the fourth lease payment on 14 buses. Local project money will come from two sources: Transportation Development Act (TDA) and AB 2766 funds.

Responding to inquiries from the Council, Fleet Services Director Ishmael confirmed that the City is in the process of filing a claim for the bus which was totaled in a traffic accident. He provided input regarding the allocation of Assembly Bill 2766 funds.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **PURCHASE ORDERS RE TWO REPLACEMENT FIRE ENGINES**

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of General Services, the Director of Fleet Services and the Fire Chief recommend that the City Council authorize additions to purchase orders be issued for an amount not to exceed \$599,929.62 (the amount includes sales tax) to FWD Seagrave Fire Apparatus, Clintonville, Wisconsin, for the purchase of two (2) replacement fire engines.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Fire Chief Adams related the Fire Department's appreciation of the Council's support.

13b. **1997 AIR FAIR**

RECOMMENDATION

The Airport Commission requests that the Council approve the Torrance Air Fair Association (TAFE) as the sole source sponsor for the 1997 Air Fair on July 19 and 20, 1997 with the approval of the Air Fair Agreement, if the Council concurs.

Following questions from the Council, Airport Manager Hriz explained the rationale for lowering the fly bys during the Air Fair from 1,000 to 500 feet.

On behalf of the Torrance Air Fair Association (TAFE), Ms. Nancy Clinton affirmed that the \$5,200 requested for reimbursement of expenses paid by the TAFE is included in the budgeted amount of \$15,000. She supplied clarification with regard to the 1997 Air Fair budget; noted that the theme for the 1997 Fair will be "50 Years of Excellence," with emphasis to be placed on the 50th anniversary of Zamperini Field; and assured the Council that the TAFE and the insurance broker have a clear understanding of what is necessary.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Clinton presented various aviation-related momentos to the Council and related the TAFE's appreciation for the Council's support of TAFE's participation in the 1997 Air Fair.

13c. **FUNDING FOR AIRPORT SECURITY**

RECOMMENDATION

The Torrance Airport Commission recommends the Torrance City Council approve \$25,000 to be taken out of the Airport Aeronautical Fund for the following security projects:

1. To install seven (7) emergency phones at designated Airport locations; and
2. Approve the redesign and construction of the East T-Hangar gate complex and add two additional card readers for exit from the airside of the Airport at the East T-Hangar gate and the tower gate.

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Airport Manager Hriz advised that the camera item will be considered at the January 1997 Airport Commission meeting. Responding to inquiries from the Council, he verified that the camera, which would be installed between the two run ways, would assist with curfew problems.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13d. **PERS PRE-TAX RETIREMENT BUY-BACK OPTION**

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution extending the pick up of Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) member contributions under Internal Revenue Code 414(h)(2) to allow a pre-tax payroll deduction plan for service credit purchases.

City Manager Jackson advised that a modified resolution with clarifying language was distributed to the Council; that this is a no-cost option to the City; and that it offers employees an opportunity to participate in the program.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 96-162.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-162. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING THE PICK UP OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE 414(H)(2) TO ALLOW A PRE-TAX PAYROLL DEDUCTION PLAN FOR SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASES

14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **APPEAL OF PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT - 22326 REDBEAM**

Withdrawn, see page 2.

14b. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING RE AB 3229 (CITIZENS OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS)) GRANT FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION

The Chief of Police recommends that the City Council reconvene the public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding, receive public input, receive detail from staff on programs of interest to the Chief of Police and Council and appropriate funds to the approved programs.

Police Chief DeLaurantey drew attention to modifications made since the last public hearing on this matter. He advised that the funding for the Police Community Center was expanded to include the North Torrance Center, the Report Writing Facility at the Torrance Airport and three strategically located kiosks in the Del Amo Mall. He noted that, in addition, funds were provided for a mediation service.

In answer to questions from the Council, Police Chief DeLaurantey explained that the purpose of the kiosks is to add a continued police officer presence in the Mall; that the Police Department is present in the Del Amo Mall parking lots, however the Del Amo Mall security does an excellent job of deploying their own uniformed security guards; and clarified that additional police officers will not be assigned to the Mall, but the current number of officers will be distributed throughout the Mall to provide a higher visibility at key locations yet to be determined. Explaining the primary purpose of the Victim Assistance Program to assist victims and witnesses with issues related to court appearances, Police Chief DeLaurantey mentioned that the Program will eventually operate on an on-call basis.

The Council stressed the need to immediately assist domestic and child abuse victims; questioned if the idea of installing the kiosks in Del Amo Mall resulted from the recent incident at the Del Amo Mall movie theaters; and entertained the idea of installing security cameras to effectively monitor activities at the Mall. The Council commended staff for accurately responding to the direction the Council previously provided to use this funding to reach out to the community in a visible manner and noted the need to continue working with the School District regarding the implementation of the Pride Program.

Police Chief DeLaurantey advised that domestic and child abuse situations are currently responded to on an on-call basis. He confirmed the Police Department's intent to provide an excellent Victim Assistance Program such as that in the City of Manhattan Beach, to which volunteers make a great contribution. Chief DeLaurantey related that the proposed changes at Del Amo Mall have been under discussion for much time. He emphasized the Department's opinion that the kiosks will create a higher level of visibility because

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they will be strategically located; affirmed that, while not extensively used, there are security cameras at the Mall; and verified that the Pride Program will eventually be implemented.

City Manager Jackson explained that the Del Amo Mall management has explored various means of security (including cameras) and that the greatest success has been achieved with wandering security guards in the parking areas. He advised that discussions regarding security at the Mall will be on-going.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to approve the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Following a request from the Council, City Manager Jackson provided an overview of the incident which recently occurred at Del Amo Mall. He noted the City's efforts to encourage communication between the City and the staff of movie theaters in the City regarding films which might cause problems.

Police Chief DeLaunratey acknowledged the efforts of Police Department staff with regard to this matter.

The Council questioned if the United Artist Theaters could be billed for the cost of additional police officers at Del Amo Mall following the incident and requested input concerning those costs.

City Manager Jackson advised that, in most cases, theater groups offer to reimburse where needed.

Police Chief DeLaurantey indicated that input regarding additional security costs will be provided to the Council in the future.

The Council expressed appreciation of staff's efforts pertaining to this issue.

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18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None:

19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. City Manager Jackson noted a recent fire at the Mobil Oil Refinery. He commended the Fire Department's related efforts.

Detailed input regarding the Mobil Oil Refinery incident was provided by Fire Chief Adams. He verified that the entire City is on the Community Alert Network (CAN) system and that the Fire Department has a contingency plan to assist the areas in the vicinity of the Mobil Oil Refiner should an emergency occur.

The Council mentioned the need to share information regarding this type of occurrence with residents, particularly in North Torrance, and requested status reports regarding measures recommended to prevent such problems.

19b. City Clerk Herbers encouraged interested parties to serve on City commissions, the deadline to apply being Tuesday, January 7, 1997. She advised that the appointments will be brought forward to the Council on Tuesday, January 14, 1997.

19c. Councilmember Lee called attention to standing water on Talisman Street between Hawthorne and Del Amo Boulevards. He noted the poor condition of the streets in that area.

City Manager Jackson advised that staff will examine the problem.

19d. Councilmember Messerlian mentioned the unused curb cut on Pacific Coast Highway at Rolling Hills Plaza east of the Fitness Center, as well as the buckled sidewalk on Pacific Coast Highway west of Jack-in-the-Box.

19e. Councilmember Messerlian expressed his pleasure that the landscaping is in progress at 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard and he voiced his hope that the railroad overcrossing will either be painted or sand blasted.

19f. Councilmember Messerlian stated his appreciation of the Holiday banners to be installed in the vicinity of Del Amo Mall and he commended staff's related efforts.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine thanked the Planning Department for the banner graphics and he advised that the Del Amo Mall contributed 50% toward the cost of the banners.

19g. Councilmember O'Donnell read aloud a statement from Fleet Services Director Ishmael regarding Torrance Transit Route 4.

19h. Councilmember O'Donnell commented that she, Councilmember Nakano and Mayor Hardison attended a recent Special Olympics soccer game.

19i. Councilmember O'Donnell announced the Torrance Rose Float Association's continued need for volunteers.

19j. Councilmember O'Donnell related her understanding of resident desires for stop signs at the intersection of Engracia Avenue, El Dorado Street and Arlington Avenue.

It was indicated by City Manager Jackson that this topic will be presented for discussion at a future Traffic Commission meeting.

19k. The Council wished all a "Happy Thanksgiving."

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:55 P.M. the Council recessed to a Closed Session to resume consideration of matters listed under Agenda Item No. 20 (Executive Session) authorized by Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8. No formal action was taken.


At 10:37 P.M. the Council reconvened in a regular session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:37 P.M. the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, December 3, 1996, 5:30 P.M., for a workshop on the status of the Three-Year Infrastructure Action Plan, the Automation Plan and other capital projects.



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

Wendy Selogie
Minute Secretary

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