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**...Adjourned in the memory of
Mrs. Margaret Alter and Mr. John Wolcott...**

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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 19, 1996, at 7:09 P.M., in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian,
O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Councilman Nakano.

Also present: City Manager Jackson,
City Attorney Fellows,
City Clerk Herbers and
Staff representatives.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Beach Cities Cadet Squad No. 107.

Reverend Paul Nakamura, Lutheran Oriental Church, led the invocation for the meeting.

At this time, Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mrs. Margaret Alter, wife of former Commissioner Gerald Alter; and Mr. John Wolcott, Water Commissioner.

3. MOTION REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA/FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the Agenda for this meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs; hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilman Nakano).

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MOTION: Councilman Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read 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 Council member the right to demand the reading of any such Resolution or Ordinance in regular order. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs; hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilman Nakano).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Tuesday, November 19, 1996 – 5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

Committee Chairman Lee stated that he anticipates that the Cultural Arts Center Business Plan will be presented to the City Council on Tuesday, December 3, 1996.

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

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

Council Chambers

Subjects: First Quarter Budget Report;
Year-End Closure of Fiscal year 1995/1996;
Departmental Budget Reallocations;
and Street Light Assessment District.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. Recognition of Donations to the Barlett Senior Center

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Hardison thanked Mr. Bob Bruton, Mr. Lawrence Murrey, Mr. Ted Murrey, and Mr. Don Hinzo for their donations which have enhanced the senior citizens' programs at the Barlett Senior Center.

6b. Presentation of Award by Finance Director Tsao

On behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, Finance Director Tsao presented the City with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year ending June 30, 1995.

On behalf of the City of Torrance, Mayor Hardison happily accepted the award.

Mayor Hardison thanked and commended Mr. Ken Flewellyn for his efforts as the Acting Finance Director from May 1, 1995, through March 11, 1996, and his overall guidance as the Assistant Finance Director -- noting that as a result of the Department's high standards of financial reporting, the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Department for the ninth consecutive year. Mayor Hardison

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congratulated Mr. Flewellyn and the Finance Department personnel for being awarded the Certificate.

Mr. Ken Flewellyn credited the hard work exhibited by numerous City personnel and the comprehensive efforts among all the Departments.

6c. Report by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce

With the aid of slides, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce President Scholz provided information concerning the first quarterly report of the 1996/1997 fiscal year for the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce (report of record). President Scholz addressed the busy activities of the Chamber of Commerce and commented on the following topics: economic development, South Bay Economic Development Partnership, Kashiwa Chamber of Commerce and Industry Delegation, governmental advocacy, development of a policy group, L.A. Cellular Membership Discount program, community map, Gourmet Food and Wine-Tasting Festival, etc.

6d. Private Industry Council Appointment

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Policy Board that your Honorable Body appoint and officially swear in two appointments to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to approve the appointments of Dr. Doris M. Haggans (representing Lomita Small Business) and Ms. Joan E. Smith (representing Torrance Large Business) to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

City Clerk Herbers officially swore in Ms. Smith and Dr. Haggans to serve on the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- OCTOBER 15, 1996

7b. AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION OF JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Honorable Body authorize the execution of agreements for the provisions of employment and training services with Los Angeles Harbor College (\$124,800), El Camino College (\$144, 151), Harbor Medical College, Brownson Technical School, and United Education Institute.

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7c. COMPUTERIZED FACILITY AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director and the Information Systems Director that the City Council authorize a professional services agreement with the RJN Group, Inc., to provide a Facility and Maintenance Management Information System at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, including contingencies and maintenance support fees.

7d. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE CITY'S CATCH-A-RIDE (CAR) AND VANPOOL PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve the extension of 1) the purchase order agreement to continue the City's CAR Incentive Program, with Partners For Incentives, in the amount of \$30,000 from AB-2766 funds; 2) the purchase order agreement to support the City's vanpool program with Torrance Mobil in the amount of \$6,000 from Proposition C, AB-2766, and Vanpool Revenue funds.

7e. TORRANCE COMMISSION ON AGING 1995-1996 ANNUAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and the Commission on Aging that your Honorable Body accept and file this report.

7f. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS FOR TRACT NO. 48916

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the bonds for Tract No. 48916, located at 220 Via Riviera, be released.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e and 7f. Councilman Walker seconded the motion, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

Mayor Hardison commended the Commission on Aging for its comprehensive annual report.

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11. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

11a. DEL AMO CENTER PEDESTRIAN URBAN TRAILS PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Planning Director that the City Council retain the services of Transportation Management Services (TMS) to assist Staff with program development and implementation for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000 of SCAQMD grant funds.

Transportation Planner Buchman advised that Staff is proposing to utilize a portion of the \$96,160 SCAQMD grant funds for the development and implementation of an Urban Trails and Access Guide project -- noting that this phase of the Del Amo Center Pedestrian Urban Trails Project is anticipated to be complete in 18 months.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to approve Staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

11b. "SPOKES FOR FOLKS" BICYCLE PARKING AND ACCESS GUIDE PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Planning Director that the City Council approve the following:

- 1) authorize the execution of a contract with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to receive an \$80,612 grant award for the development of the "Spokes for Folks" Bicycle Parking and Access Guide Project;
- 2) retain the services of Transportation Management Services (TMS) to assist Staff with program development and implementation for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000 of the \$80,612 of SCAQMD grant award; and
- 3) appropriate \$80,612 of AB 2766 grant funds for the City of Torrance "Spokes for Folks" Bicycle Project.

Transportation Planner Buchman briefly addressed Staff's goals to implement a plan to encourage bicycle transportation throughout the City.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to approve Staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. WORKSHOP DATE FOR STATUS REPORT ON ACTION PLAN AND OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your Honorable Body conduct a workshop on December 3, 1996, at 5:30 P.M. to receive a status report on the three-year Infrastructure Action Plan, the Automation Plan, and other capital projects.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with Staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs; hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilman Nakano).

13b. PURCHASE ORDER WITH RUTAN & TUCKER

RECOMMENDATION

The City Attorney recommends that your Honorable Body approve the appropriation of \$66,000 to fund a purchase order with Rutan & Tucker to represent the City in a number of related discipline matters concerning an alleged bus driver "sick-out."

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with Staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

13c. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Considered out of order; see page nos. 9 and 10.

13d. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

Considered out of order; see page nos. 10 and 11.

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16a. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 3430

ORDINANCE NO. 3430

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION
11.2.6 RELATING TO THOSE MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTIONS THAT ARE INFRACTIONS

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3430. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

At 7:45 P.M., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was formally adjourned at 7:50 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

None.

19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. City Clerk Herbers announced that applications are currently being accepted for various Commission appointments; stated that those individuals who are interested in serving on Commissions may obtain information from the City Clerk's Office and City libraries; and that the deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, January 7, 1997, 5:30 P.M.

19b. Councilwoman Cribbs thanked Parks and Recreation Director Barnett, Recreation Programs Administrator Jones, and Park Services Administrator Wilson for an informative tour of the Interpretive Nature Centers throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

19c. Because of reported disturbances during the late evening hours at the West Torrance Little League fields, Councilman Lee requested that Staff investigate how to better secure the gate at the south end of the sump area.

19d. Councilman Messerian stated that he enjoyed reading *Jack and the Beanstalk* to children at the Southeast Torrance Library last week.

19e. Councilman Messerian noted the distinctive "DRUG FREE ZONE" signage that he had seen near a school in the city of Anaheim -- requesting that this same signage be considered for Torrance.

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19f. Councilman Messerlian requested information concerning the Teletrack tracking system which is utilized by Gardena.

19g. Councilman Messerlian commented on some of the prize-winning programs of the California Healthy Cities Project which are geared towards the youth.

19h. Responding to Councilwoman O'Donnell's inquiry regarding the status of Bus Line/Route No. 4 (Riviera area), City Manager Jackson addressed the requirement to routinely evaluate the utilization of bus routes throughout the City; and advised that any proposed route modifications will be brought forward to the City Council as a formal item.

19i. Councilwoman O'Donnell commented on the attendance of the Rose Parade Queen and her Court at a Torrance Rose Float Association reception on Saturday; and advised that anyone interested in decorating the Torrance Rose float may call 618-2930.

19j. Councilwoman O'Donnell happily thanked all of those who responded to the pleas to donate funds to assist with the costs of providing medical care and recovery for the puppy which had been cruelly mistreated.

19k. Councilman Walker shared a story regarding his recent campaign for Assembly.

19l. Mayor Hardison advised that Staff from the Transit Department will be responding to the citizen's letter regarding concerns of revising Bus Route No. 4 -- noting that citizens will have the opportunity to provide input when any proposed changes arise.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hardison read into the record:

"The Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City's Negotiator and the City Attorney on the Agenda matters listed under Items 20.a.1), "Conference with Labor Negotiator," 20.a.2), "Conference with City Manager."

A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54957.

At 8:03 P.M., Council immediately recessed to commence a closed Executive Session, returning to Chambers at 8:30 P.M. and took action on Agenda Items No. 13c and 13d. No formal action was taken on any item in Executive Session.

(*Agenda Item Nos. 13c and 13d were considered out of order.)

13c. **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your Honorable Body adopt the attached Resolution amending the Torrance Police Officers' Association's (TPOA) Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-148, SETTING FORTH OUR CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION, POLICE SAFETY EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-159. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

13d. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that City Council:

- 1) concur in concept with the Memorandums of Intent setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for various City employee representation units;
- 2) adopt supplemental Memorandums of Understanding (**RESOLUTIONS**) setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for various City employee representation units;
- 3) adopt Memorandums of Understanding setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for various City employee representation units; and
- 4) unilaterally adopt **RESOLUTIONS** extending hours, wages, and working conditions for various City employee representative units.

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RESOLUTION NO. 96-160

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 NOVEMBER 10, 1996, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1997.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-160. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-161

A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 94-111 FOR TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES-AFSCME, LOCAL 1117; RESOLUTION NO. 94-113 FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS; RESOLUTION NO. 94-115 FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION; RESOLUTION NO. 94-114 FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-161. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (absent Councilman Nakano).

City Manager Jackson and Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine provided background information pertaining to Staff reports with respect to these Resolutions.

(*Returned to regular Agenda order.)

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, November 26, 1996, at 7:00 P.M.

**...Adjourned in the memory of
Mrs. Margaret Alter and Mr. John Wolcott...**

**Denise Bothe
Minute Secretary**

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Lee Hudson

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Joan Herbert

Clerk of the City of Torrance

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