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*...Adjourned in the memory of  
Mrs. Eleanor Brogdon, Ms. Anne Johnson, and Mr. Bill Garrett..*

October 15, 1996

**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, October 15, 1996, at 5:33 P.M., in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

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

Considered out of order...

**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 Attorney," and 20.a.3), "Real Property -- Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54957, and 54956.8."

At 5:34 P.M., Council recessed to a closed Executive Session. Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:18 P.M. for the regular meeting.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Previously taken; all present.

2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

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

Rev. Charles Bullock, Torrance Church of the Nazarene, led the invocation for the meeting.

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At this time, Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Brogdon, Community Services Commissioner; Ms. Anne Johnson, former employee of the City's Police and Water Departments; and Mr. Bill Garrett, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

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3. **MOTION RE 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.

**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.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson advised of a request for a continuation of public hearing regarding the Butcher property, located in the Hillside Overlay District, proposed precise plan –Item 14a.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Finance and Governmental Operations Committee**

Tuesday, October 22, 1996 – 5:30 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION HONORING LAEL WALZ

RESOLUTION NO. 96-133

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE HONORING LAEL WALZ FOR 27 YEARS OF  
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-133. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

Thanking everyone for the accolade, Ms. Lael Walz stated that her work with the City was a tremendously fulfilling and enjoyable experience.

Councilwoman O'Donnell expressed best wishes to Ms. Walz; and expressed her admiration for Ms. Walz' sincerity, kindness and patience in working with the members of the senior and youth communities.

On behalf of the Department, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett expressed best wishes to Ms. Walz and her family; and acknowledged and commended Ms. Walz for her valuable, professional and dedicated service to the Department and to the community.

6b. PROCLAMATION declaring October 17-19, 1996, as "Alliance for Community Media Weekend" in the City of Torrance.

So proclaimed by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Cable Television Advisory Board Chairman John Wong.

6c. PROCLAMATION declaring Saturday, October 19, 1996, as "Healthy Choice American Heart Walk Day" in the City of Torrance.

So proclaimed by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by American Heart Association Board Member Cathy Allen.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

7b. SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Fleet Services recommends that the City Council authorize the sale of the surplus City vehicles (as listed on Staff report) to the Torrance Unified School District.

7c. FINAL PAYMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK AT 182ND STREET AND GLENBURN AVENUE C96-042

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Director recommends that the City Council:(1) accept the final construction work at 182nd Street and Glenburn Avenue; and (2) authorize final payment to the contractor, Lobana Engineering, in the amount of \$6,762.10 (C96-042).

7d. RENEWAL PURCHASE ORDER FOR TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM BUS CLEANING

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of General Services and the Director of Fleet Services recommend that the City Council authorize the renewal of a purchase order to Merchants Building Maintenance, Carson, CA, for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$40,000, to provide personnel to clean buses for Torrance Transit System.

7e. PURCHASE ORDER FOR (800) AUTOMATED REFUSE CONTAINERS

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Street Services and the General Services Director recommend that the City Council authorize that a purchase order be issued to Rotonics Manufacturing of Gardena, California, in the amount of \$142,890 for the purchase of (800) automated refuse containers for the Street Department. (Ref: Bid 96-42)

7f. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE CELLULAR SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION

A recommendation by the General Services Director and the Director of Information Systems that the City Council reject the proposals received for cellular service.

7g. AGREEMENT FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR BUS ADVERTISING

RECOMMENDATION

The Fleet Services Director recommends that Council authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to Agreement C93-093 for exterior and interior bus advertising with Transportation Displays, Inc., (TDI), extending that agreement, with certain changes, for the period from October 1, 1996, to September 30, 1999.

**7h. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE MAINTENANCE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the Information Systems Director that the City Council authorize the continuance of a yearly maintenance contract for software and hardware services with Digital Equipment Corporation of Culver City. The contract is to cover maintenance of seven (7) Digital file servers, an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), CD-ROM drive, and DECtalk software.

**7i. FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 190TH STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING CRENSHAW BOULEVARD**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council: (1), approve an agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc., for construction management services not to exceed \$232,000; and (2) allocate \$232,000 from previously appropriated Gas Tax Funds for the street and traffic improvements on 190th Street, including the intersection at Crenshaw Boulevard.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, and 7i. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Addressing the 190th Street Corridor and Crenshaw Boulevard Improvements, Ms. Helen Doyle, Torrance, commented on the need for improvements to distressed roadways; expressed her approval of double left-turn pockets and right-turn pockets at each corner; and requested, and received, input concerning funding to upgrade the traffic signals.

Per Ms. Doyle's request, City Engineer Burtt confirmed that the community will be properly notified of the timeline for the 190th Street Corridor improvements project, including the Northwest Torrance Homeowner's Association.

**13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**13a. AD HOC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDED POSITIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 1996 BALLOT MEASURES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

A recommendation of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee for the City Council to:

- 1) Concur with the Committee's recommended positions on certain ballot initiatives;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution opposing Proposition 218;
- 3) Reiterate the City Council's adopted position on Los Angeles County Proposition A relating to Park, Beach and Recreation Act of 1996.

\*\*Indicates rationale for positions recommended by the Committee.



## NEUTRAL

- Proposition 206 Veteran's Bond Act of 1996
- Proposition 207 Attorneys. Fees. Right to Negotiate. Frivolous Lawsuits
- Proposition 208 Campaign Contributions and Spending Limits. Restricts Lobbyists  
\*\*Recognizing that campaign contribution reform should be implemented at the State level, the City has its own local Ordinance on campaign financing and prefers that local reform be left to local agencies.
- Proposition 209 Prohibition Against Discrimination or Preferential Treatment by State and Other Public Entities  
\*\*Noting that this measure could have both positive and negative effects on the City, there could be some administrative cost savings to the organization if this measure is passed; however, those savings could be outweighed by potential consequences of jeopardizing Federal grants, transit funding, COPS and Section 8 moneys that have Federal minority hiring requirements. Passage of Proposition 209 could put California law in conflict with Federal requirements.
- Proposition 211 Attorney-Client Fee Arrangements. Securities Fraud. Lawsuits
- Proposition 214 Health Care. Consumer Protection
- Proposition 216 Health Care. Consumer Protection. Taxes on Corporate Restructuring
- Proposition 217 Top Income Tax Brackets. Reinstatement. Revenues to Local Agencies

## SUPPORT

- Proposition 204 Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act  
\*\*Directly affecting the City of Torrance, this measure will continue to ensure a safe and reliable water supply to our residents, as well as supply our own Municipal water utility with product. This measure will also provide funds to address the underground salt water plume in the South Bay area.
- Proposition 213 Limitation on Recovery to Felons, Uninsured Motorists, Drunk Drivers  
\*\*Directly impacts the City with regard to certain lawsuit situations.

## OPPOSE

- Proposition 210 Minimum Wage Increase  
\*\*May increase contracts the City administers by increasing certain personnel costs. The Committee is concerned with increasing the minimum wage above the Federal requirements, which may put California at an economic disadvantage with other states.
- Proposition 212 Limits Campaign Contributions and Spending Limits. Repeals Gift and Honoraria Limits. Restricts Lobbyists  
\*\*This is a poorly written initiative which repeals the Gift and Honoraria limits currently in effect.
- Proposition 215 Medical Use of Marijuana  
\*\*There are no controls on the distribution, therefore making enforcement very difficult on the local level. In addition, the narcotic in marijuana (THC) utilized for medical purposes is readily available as a prescription drug.



**Proposition 218    Voter Approval for Local Government Taxes. Limitations on Fees, Assessments and Charges**

**\*\*Passage of this measure would have a direct financial impact to the City and would further erode local governments' ability to fund services; would immediately reduce certain funding sources and eliminate the City's normal CPI adjustment to certain fees and taxes; create administrative problems by creating a weighted voting structure for new assessment and taxes; and requires mail ballots to all property owners – vote weighed by the amount of benefit to the property, thereby giving businesses a greater amount of control than the residential property owners.**

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine provided input concerning the positions which were taken by the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee with respect to Proposition Nos. 204, 210, 212, 213, 215 and 218.

Mayor Hardison explained the criteria which was utilized when taking into consideration each of the Propositions -- 1) does the measure affect local control? 2) does the measure create a positive or negative financial impact on the City of Torrance? and 3) does the measure affect public safety?

Councilman Walker explained that the term "neutral" position should be interpreted that the Council took "no position" on certain issues; and requested that Proposition No. 205 be considered separately.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee's recommendations on Proposition Nos. 204 through 218, with the exception of Proposition No. 205. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Rather than taking a neutral position with regard to Proposition No. 205 (Youthful and Adult Offender Local Facilities Bond Act of 1996), as recommended by the Committee, Councilman Walker expressed his preference that the Council support Proposition No. 205 – noting a necessity to build new facilities and upgrade existing facilities.

Addressing public safety issues, Councilman Nakano noted his support of Proposition No. 205.

Mayor Hardison commented on the Committee's discussion of the issues involving Proposition No. 205.

**MOTION:** Councilman Walker moved that the Council support Proposition No. 205. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:**            Council members Lee, Messerlian, Nakano,  
                          O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.  
**NOES:**            Councilwoman Cribbs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-139**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING PROPOSITION 218, THE "RIGHT TO VOTE" INITIATIVE ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 1996, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-139. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian, and roll call vote as follows:

**AYES:** Council members Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian, Nakano and Mayor Hardison.

**ABSTAIN:** Council members O'Donnell and Walker.

Mayor Hardison encouraged the voting community to carefully study the issues with respect to Proposition No. 218 – acknowledging and commending the Daily Breeze for taking a strong stand against Proposition No 218.

With regard to the City Council's adopted position on Los Angeles County Proposition A relating to Park, Beach and Recreation Act of 1996, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine reiterated how passage of Proposition A will benefit the City – 1) \$1 million in additional funding for the Wilson Park Sports Complex; 2) \$200,000 for improvements to the Benstead Plunge; 3) \$300,000 for Madrona Marsh enhancements and improvements; 4) allows the City to compete for Grant funding for additional City projects which may qualify; and maintenance and servicing funds based on a per-parcel basis.

**13b. UNILATERAL RESOLUTIONS - TME-AFSCME, ENGINEERS, TFEA, TPSA, AND TLEA**

**RECOMMENDATION**

A recommendation of the City Manager that the Council adopt the attached unilateral contract extensions for one additional week to October 22, 1996, for the Torrance Municipal Employees (TME)-AFSCME Local 1117, the Torrance Library Employees Association (TLEA), the Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (TFEA), the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA), and the Engineers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-141**

**A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-111 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES-AFSCME, LOCAL 1117**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution

No. 96-141. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-142**

**A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-113 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-142. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-143**

**A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-115 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-143. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-144**

**A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-112 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-144. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-145**

**A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-114 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-145. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**13c. MOU - CORRECTED FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES'**

**RECOMMENDATION**

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for unrepresented City employees, as corrected.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-140**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD STARTING JULY 7, 1996**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 96-140. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**14. HEARINGS**

**14a. TTM-51753, ZON94-0002 (EAS94-0008): DAN E. BUTCHER**

Because of the Applicant's request for a continuance of this item, City Attorney Fellows requested that the City Council concur with Staff's recommendation to continue this matter to the November 12, 1996, City Council meeting.

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Tentative Tract Map consisting of 63 residential lots and a Zone Change from A-1 (light agricultural) to R-1 (single-family residential) on property located in the Hillside Overlay District, south of Via Valmonte and west of Hawthorne Boulevard.

**TTM-51753, ZON94-0002 (EAS94-0008): DAN E. BUTCHER**

Mr. William Beverly, 3424 Carson Street, Suite 400, representing Mr. Dan Butcher, commended City Staff for the services which have been provided to him and his client; and provided further input concerning the Applicant's request for continuance of this item.

In response to inquiries by Mr. Ted Henry's, Torrance, Senior Principal Planner Gibson supplied information regarding the policies and procedures for public notification of Council items – highlighting staff's attempts to expand the notification area/mailings with respect to this matter.

Mr. Henry requested that the residents again be notified of the continuance on this matter.



Mr. Gerrit Holleman, Torrance, expressed his opposition to the Applicant's request -- addressing concerns with flora and fauna, geological and ecological considerations, potential litigation, increased traffic, and over-crowding of schools.

Mr. Robert J. Sevilla, Torrance, highlighted the pleasing aesthetics of the City and the hillside and commented on his concerns with increased traffic congestion on Hawthorne Boulevard. Mr. Sevilla noted his opposition to the Applicant's request -- pointing out that the property owner knew of the A-1 zoning (light agricultural) at the time it was purchased.

Mr. Dave Wang, Torrance, noted his opposition to the requested re-zoning -- increase in traffic flows; and negative health, environmental, ecological and geological impacts.

Mr. Dave Brent, Torrance, advising that he lives 200 feet east of the project, stated that he opposes a zoning change for the subject site; and read a letter (of record) prepared by Mr. Tom Blair, who was unable to attend this evening's meeting, which cited reasons for his opposition to a zone change from A-1 to R-1 -- legal liabilities, negative environmental and geological impacts, soil instability and safety issues. Mr. Brent advised that he concurs with Mr. Blair's noted concerns and comments.

Mr. Craig Leach, Torrance, commented on his opposition to the zoning change.

Addressing her opposition to the request for zone change, Ms. Jill Rossberg-Carlton, Torrance, president of the WALTERIA Homeowners Association, stated that she has received many phone calls from residents who are opposed to the Applicant's request for a zone change.

Per Mayor Hardison's inquiries, Senior Principal Planner Gibson highlighted the five significant and unavoidable impacts as a result of the requested project which were considered in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) -- geology, soils engineering and hydrology, land use, aesthetics and visual resources, biological resources and air quality; he further commented on the differences between A-1 and R-1 zoning designations; and provided information concerning the zoning history of this property. Senior Principal Planner Gibson confirmed that the residents will be re-notified, using the expanded area, of the Butcher hearing.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to continue this item to the November 12, 1996, Council meeting, with re-notification of the residents. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs. \*(This motion ultimately passed.)

Senior Principal Planner Gibson advised that the notices will be sent out 10 days prior to the hearing; and stated that the notices will specify that the Environmental Impact Report will be available for review at the Planning Department and the WALTERIA Library.

Mr. Beverly briefly addressed the past and present zoning designations of this property.

\*Roll call vote on the previously made motion reflected unanimous approval.

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At 8:58 P.M., the City Council recessed and reconvened at 9:08 P.M.

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**14b. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CUP83-12 AND PRE96-0009- A AND S. ENGINEERING/SHELL OIL CO.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on Item 14b, an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan and a modification of a previously granted Conditional Use Permit. This application is for the installation of a blower within a self-serve car wash at the Shell Service Station at the intersection of Anza Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

**PRE 96-0009, MOD 96-0009 A AND S. ENGINEERING/SHELL OIL CO.**

Noting that a representative for the Applicant was not present at this evening's Council meeting, City Attorney Fellows recommended continuing this matter to the next Council meeting.

Mr. William Hassoldt, owner of the adjacent Kindergarten Preschools, 21210 Anza Avenue, expressed his opposition to the installation of a self-serve car wash blower at the Shell Service Station; and addressed his concerns with respect to the increased noise level, integrity of the block wall construction which separates the two properties, and safety of the school children.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to continue this item for one week. Councilman Lee seconded the motion, and roll call vote is reflected as follows:

AYES: Council members Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian,  
Nakano and Mayor Hardison.  
NO: Councilwoman O'Donnell.  
ABSTAIN: Councilman Walker.

Councilman Walker abstained due to a possible conflict of interest because of a business relationship.

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At 9:18 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 9:19 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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**18. ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

**19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**19a.** Police Chief De Ladurantey invited everyone to attend the Torrance Police and Fire Departments' Public Safety Fair at Del Amo Fashion Center on Saturday, October 19, 1996, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**19b.** Councilwoman Cribbs thanked Staff for its efforts in getting the area of Van Ness Avenue and Artesia Boulevard cleaned up; and highlighting the area of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, Councilwoman Cribbs requested that Staff explore the possibility of a public partnership program to clean up vacant/closed commercial properties within the City.

**19c.** In response to Councilman Lee's comment, Mayor Hardison, having met with the Redondo Beach Mayor, advised that a meeting will be scheduled with herself, the Mayor of Redondo Beach, Councilman Lee, Mr. Gin, Staff representatives, and others, wherein the issue of the shooting range and its close proximity to the elementary school will be addressed.

City Attorney Fellows advised that the Redondo Beach Police Department has informed the City of an April 1997 ballot measure to build a new police facility which will include an indoor shooting range – noting that the existing shooting range will be closed with the passage of the ballot measure.

Councilman Lee briefly addressed his concern with the length of time it will take to build a new police facility.

**19d.** Councilman Messerlian thanked the Transportation Division of the Planning Department for marking the intersection at Robinson Way and Pacific Coast Highway; commended the improvements made to the southeast corner of Van Ness Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard (the new Jack-in-the-Box Restaurant development and landscaping); concurred with Councilwoman Cribbs' comments regarding the cleanup of Van Ness Avenue and Artesia Boulevard; and requested, and received, a status report with regard to the plans for the four-corners area at Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard.

In response to Councilman Messerlian's comment regarding the displeasing aesthetics at the corner of Madison Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway, Building and Safety Director Isomoto explained that Staff has attempted to notify the property owner of the necessary cleanup; and provided input concerning the cleanup of the former car wash gas station property at the intersection of Madison Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

**19e.** Councilman Nakano announced that a Congressional Candidates Forum has been scheduled at the James Armstrong Theatre on Saturday, October 19, 1996, at 10:00 A.M.; and commented on his attendance at the League of California Cities Conference workshops concerning Community Arts Facilities and Effective Polling and Data Gathering and Analysis.



19f. Councilwoman O'Donnell encouraged everyone to attend the Torrance Rose Float Association's 2nd Annual Monday Night Football Fund-raiser at TGI Friday's on Monday, October 21, 1996, 6:00 P.M.

19g. Per Councilman Walker's inquiry regarding the cars being displayed for sale at the southeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard (near Dinah's Restaurant), City Manager Jackson supplied input concerning the possibility of implementing new Ordinances.

19h. Mayor Hardison commented on her attendance at the League of California Cities Conference in Anaheim -- highlighting the workshop topics of Proposition 218 and "*City Budget When Revenues Are Gone.*" Mayor Hardison requested that recognition be given to the Torrance Explorer Scouts for winning a South Bay Explorers' competition in June 1996; and requested that Council recognize Mr. Ted Porter, who is retiring from Southern California Edison, for his many contributions to the City.

19i. Mr. Bob Habel, Torrance, member of the Torrance Rose Float Association, thanked Councilwoman O'Donnell for her announcements regarding the Rose Float Association; invited everyone to attend the Monday, October 21, 1996, Monday Night Football Fund-raiser event at TGI Friday's; and on behalf of the Rose Float Association, Mr. Habel announced that the first volunteer sign-up will be held on Thursday, October 17, 1996, 7:00 P.M., City Council Chambers -- noting that the Association will pick the name of a person who will ride on the Torrance Rose Float in the 1997 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

## 20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:40 P.M., Council resumed in Executive Session, returning to Chambers at 10:06 P.M. No formal action was taken following this Executive Session.

## 21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:07 P.M., the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, October 22, 1996, at 7:00 P.M.

*...Adjourned in the memory of  
Mrs. Eleanor Brogdon, Ms. Anne Johnson, and Mr. Bill Garrett..*

*Dee Hardison*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

*Dee Hardison*  
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