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*... Adjourned in the memory of
Ralph Grippo ...*

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**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, at 5:31 P.M., in the Council Chamber 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.

* - Councilman Walker arrived at 5:55 P.M.

Considered out of order...

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Hardison read the following statement into the record:

The Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City's Negotiator on the agenda matters listed under Items 20.a.1), "Conference with Labor Negotiator," 20.a.2), "Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, " 20.a.3)

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"Conference with City Attorney," 20.a.4), "Conference with Real Property Negotiator," and 20.a.5), "Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation."

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session

None.

A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54957, 54956.8, and 54956.9(b)(1).

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At 5:33 P.M., the Council commenced its executive session, returning to Chambers at 7:06 P.M. No action was taken at this time and consideration of executive session matters was resumed at the end of the meeting (see page 18).

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1. ROLL CALL

Previously taken; see page 1.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Ms. Ann Gallagher.

Pastor John Hernandez, New Challenge Ministries, led the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of former Building and Safety Director Ralph Grippo.

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3. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/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. There being 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 and there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

Staff noted that continuances are being requested for Agenda Item Nos. 7e (reject RFPs received for cellular service) and 14a (PRE 96-0009 to allow the installation of a blower to an existing self-service car wash facility at 4530 Torrance Boulevard).

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Mayor Hardison informed those in attendance that supplemental material was available with regard to Agenda Item No. 7e (reject RFPs received for cellular service) and 13b (Residential Care Facilities).

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5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

AD HOC ARMED FORCES DAY COMMITTEE

Friday, September 20, 1996 - 12:00 Noon

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subjects: Selection of a Grand Marshal, selection of Lead Service, final itinerary for Washington, D.C. trip, promotion and publicity of 1997 Armed Forces Day Parade

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6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. YOUTH COUNCIL TIME CAPSULE

Ms. Sarah Peters, Chairman of the Time Capsule Committee, and Youth Council Member and Time Capsule Committee Member Sofia Martos shared with the Council and the audience in attendance memorabilia which was unearthed on August 24, 1996, and as well shared those items which were placed in the Time Capsule which is to be unearthed on the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Torrance in the year 2021. These items of memorabilia were enthusiastically accepted by Mr. Tony Kriss, President of the Torrance Historical Society, who, in turn, commended the Youth Council for its concern and interest in the community and the City.

Mayor Hardison informed the public that she had written a letter to the future Mayor of 2021, which was placed in the Time Capsule, and that she had also included a copy of the City's Strategic Plan.

6b. RECOGNITION OF THE WEST TORRANCE BABE RUTH BASEBALL TEAM

Mayor Hardison presented Certificates to Coach John Kowan and Coach Don Nicholson who assisted the Mayor in presenting Certificates of Recognition to those team members in attendance.

6c. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 25, 1996, AS ARTS AMERICANA MONTH

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Mary Miller, President of Arts Council of Torrance, and Ann Gallagher, Vice President of the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation.

6d. PRESENTATION BY THE AMERICAN BASEBALL ORGANIZATION

Thanking the City Council, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett, and the affiliated Parks and Recreation Department staff for their efforts in making this program the success it is, Mr. Leigh McArthur, Community Relations Director and Safety Director for Torrance American Baseball, presented Plaques of Appreciation to the City Council and as well to Mr. Barnett.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- August 13 and August 20, 1996**

7b. **1996 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE BIENNIAL NOTICE**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Clerk that the City Council accept notice that amendments to the City of Torrance Conflict of Interest Code will be forthcoming on or before December 17, 1996.

7c. **APPOINTMENT TO METROPOLITAN COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM'S ADVISORY BOARD**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Librarian that the City Council appoint Peggy Basile as the Torrance delegate to the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System's Advisory Board.

7d. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 1996**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Treasurer that the City Council accept and file the Investment Report.

Investment Committee Note:

The Investment Committee, made up of the Finance Director, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Treasurer, as created by the City Council, has reviewed the report and find that it is in concurrence with the City of Torrance Investment Policy.

7e. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL REJECTION OF RFPs
FOR CELLULAR SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Director of Information Systems that the City Council reject the RFPs received for cellular service.

(Continued; see page 3.)

7f. PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF
AN AUTOMATED FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM
FOR THE TORRANCE TRANSIT FACILITY

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Director of General Services and the Director of Fleet Services that the City Council authorize a purchase order for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$75,628.28 to RAPAC Network International, Englewood, NJ, for the purchase of an automated fuel dispensing system for the Torrance Transit facility.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with Consent Calendar Items 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, and 7f (Item 7e was continued). Councilman Walker seconded the motion which carried with unanimous approval following roll call vote.

With regard to Consent Calendar Item 7e, Mr. Arun Bhumitra, Vice President of Arjay Telecommunications, 23215 Hawthorne Boulevard, relayed his opposition to rebidding the contract.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. UNILATERAL RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council adopt the unilateral contract extensions for one additional week to October 1, 1996, for the

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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.

There being no additional discussion, the following motions were offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 96-122

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 to adopt Resolution No. 96-122. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-123

A 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 to adopt Resolution No. 96-123. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-124

A 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

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-124. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-125

A 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 to adopt Resolution No. 96-125. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-126

A 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 to adopt Resolution No. 96-126. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

13b. RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council select Alternative 4 which would require staff to seek new legislation regarding the regulation of group homes; and review and select other alternatives relating to group home regulations for staff to explore.

Supplemental material included written communication from Mr. Jack LeResche and Assemblywoman Bowen.

By way of overheads, Management Assistant Lopez clarified the proposed recommendation; referenced the August 6, 1996, Residential Care Facilities City Council Workshop; advised that this evening's primary objective should be to focus on available alternatives in order to gain local government control with regard to the establishment of such facilities; and provided more detailed information with regard to the status of SB 1690 and HR 4019, noting that the passage of these bills will assist the City in providing more local government control.

In response to Councilwoman O'Donnell's inquiry with regard to the Youth Environmental Services (YES) Initiative, which is a federal program that utilizes federal land to develop facilities that would serve at-risk and delinquent youth, it was noted by City Manager Jackson that no local government in California has applied for such a program.

Having read the staff report (of record), Ms. Ann Tardguila, 313 Via El Chico, strongly concurred with the City Manager's recommendation. Advising that her reference to group homes this evening will only refer to those housing juvenile offenders, Ms. Tardguila noted that the existing rules/regulations/laws of the Department of Social Services must be changed and apprised the Council members of various violations which have and are occurring in these group homes, noting that although these violations are occurring and are being documented by the Department of Social Services, the homes are never closed.

Assemblywoman Bowen, 18411 Crenshaw Boulevard, #280, concurred with Ms. Tardguila's comments with regard to the placement of serious/violent offenders into these kinds of facilities; requested the Council's support of AB 1579; and provided clarification with regard to AB 1579, advising that this bill was created because the current Criminal Code in California does not prohibit a judge from assigning a youth who had committed arson or a serious violent felony from being placed into one of these residential care facilities; that AB 1579 will be heard at an Interim Hearing on October 22, 1996; and that the purpose of AB 1579 is to separate the 602s (law violations) from the 601s (truancy and incorrigible issues). Although neither the City nor the State may prohibit the location of a group home under Federal law, Assemblywoman Bowen advised that the Department of Social Services' licensing process for such facilities takes approximately 90 days, which would allow the City a 45-day public comment and notice period. In light of Councilwoman O'Donnell's suggestion, Ms. Bowen noted that she would further explore the YES Initiative.

Clarifying the issue before Council, Councilwoman O'Donnell noted that the separation of offenders from the non-offenders is not the issue. She noted

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that the residents of the City are not desirous of group homes which house felons in their neighborhoods and reiterated her request to further explore the possibilities of the YES Initiative, noting that it would appear to be easier to monitor a few of these type of facilities versus many of the group home facilities.

Mr. Tom Brewer, Vice President of Southwood Riviera Homeowners' Association, 23426 Evalyn Avenue, thanked the City for its efforts with regard to this issue. Viewing the operation of such group homes as a business, Mr. Brewer apprised the Council members of the construction of third elderly care facility (for which no distance requirement are imposed) in his neighborhood, making it the third elderly care facility within approximately 300'. He advised that the modifications necessary to complete this elderly care facility will preclude a single family from ever moving into this particular residence.

Councilman Nakano concurred with Mr. Brewer and noted that the operation of these facilities is a business.

Mr. Richard Ulyate, 23534 Kathryn Avenue, suggested that the City educate and apprise the residents as to what constitutes a nuisance and how to address such a nuisance; and questioned whether a family could be held financially responsible for excessive use of City services.

Mr. Gary Altena, 2435 W. 227th Street, #5, expressed appreciation to the City Council for its efforts in attempting to address the residents' concerns. He noted that, in his opinion, these facilities operate as community prisons and not group homes.

Mr. Frank Rizzardi, 23544 Carlow Road, stated that the Department of Social Services should be expected to provide advance notice to the City prior to such a facility being located in any neighborhood to ensure that those impacted residents will have ample opportunity to respond.

Being a new homeowner in the neighborhood, Mr. Jon Landerville, 23509 Kathryn Avenue, informed the Council members that two weeks after closing escrow, he discovered that the residence next door to him (23515 Kathryn Avenue) will be converted into an elderly care facility, making it three such facilities within a 320' distance. Advising that he chose to purchase a home in this neighborhood to provide a family-type environment for his family, Mr. Landerville noted that the modifications necessary to the residence in order to convert it into an elderly care facility will preclude this residence from every being purchased for the use of a single-family residence. Viewing these facilities as not being in the best interest of the residential neighborhoods, Mr. Landerville commented on the impact such facilities will have on the neighboring schools because of the loss of children in the neighborhood and the impact on the neighboring property values.

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MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation to select alternative 4 which would require staff to seek new legislation regarding the regulation of group homes with the addition that the City request the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities to bring the issue of residential care facilities to the national level. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. (This motion, as amended, ultimately passed; see page 12.)

Councilman Messerlian encouraged staff to draft legislation primarily focusing on gaining local control with regard to this issue. For Mr. Messerlian, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine provided input with regard to the 45-day comment period (4b), noting that it would be the intent of the City that this process be hosted by the Department of Social Services at local government level. With regard to the distance requirement of such facilities, Councilman Messerlian suggested that 4c be amended to read as follows: "requirement that no group home is placed within a 1,000 foot radius of any other type of residential care facility ..."

Speaking in support of the motion, Councilwoman Cribbs suggested that the addition of 4f reading as follows: "that the City of Torrance shall apply to have a representative appointed to the SB 1690 Task Force."

Because of potential amendments with regard to the placement of these type of facilities, Councilman Lee suggested that a moratorium be imposed to ensure that the number of existing facilities does not drastically increase prior to any amendments going into effect. Assemblywoman Bowen advised that such a moratorium could only be imposed by the Federal Government.

Supporting the proposed motion, Councilman Nakano reiterated that the fundamental problem with regard to this issue is the lack of local control; requested that any legislation with regard to these facilities be closely followed; and suggested that this issue be considered at the League of California Cities Conference in Anaheim and that the support of South Bay Council of Governments be obtained with regard to this issue.

Because the term group home references a specific type of residential care facility, Mayor Hardison noted that these two terms are not interchangeable and, therefore, any facility should be referenced to as a residential care facility, not as a group home. Mayor Hardison advised the Council that she has already been contacted and has expressed a willingness to serve on the SB 1690 Task Force and suggested that a Council representative should as well serve on the Housing Community Economic Development Committee.

Mayor Hardison encouraged the City Council to take affirmative action with regard to HR 4019 in an effort to gain more local control and in order to work with Assemblywoman Bowen on efforts to strategize the support of AB 1579.

Referencing an unfortunate incident which occurred at the Masada Home in February 1995, Councilman Walker spoke in support of the efforts undertaken to remedy the impacts of this issue and strongly emphasized that a neighborhood should not be subjected to such problems.

In light of the previously noted suggestions, Councilwoman O'Donnell clarified the amendments to her original motion:

AMENDED MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation to select alternative 4 which would require staff to seek new legislation regarding the regulation of group homes with the following amendments and additions:

Add

- o that the City request the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities to bring the issue of residential care facilities to the national level;
- o that the City of Torrance shall apply to have a representative appointed to the SB 1690 Task Force (4f);
- o that the term group home be changed to residential care facilities;

Amend

- o that no group home be placed within a 1,000 foot radius of any other type of residential care facility.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Councilman Nakano expressed appreciation to Assistant City Attorney Quale, Community Relations Officer Barco, and associated staff members for the informative Q and A document of record.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian, seconded by Councilman Lee, moved to support HR 4019. Roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Although no action may be taken this evening, Mayor Hardison requested that staff pursue a plan with regard to strategizing the support of AB 1579.

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In closing, Mayor Hardison expressed appreciation to Management Assistant Lopez, Community Relations Officer Barco, and Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine for their efforts with regard to this issue.

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At 9:17 P.M., Mayor Hardison called a recess and reconvened the meeting at 9:31 P.M.

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14. HEARINGS

14a. PRE 96-0009: A & S ENGINEERING/SHELL OIL

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning Director that the City Council continue PRE 96-0009 and MOD 96-0009 to October 15, 1996.

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 decision denying a modification of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit and a Precise Plan of Development.

Staff reiterated that the applicant has requested a continuance to the October 15, 1996, City Council meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to continue this item to the October 15, 1996, City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mr. Pat Desmond, Jr., 4514 Scott Street, expressed concern with regard to the actual height of the current wall; commented on the applicant's intent to increase the existing wall height; and noted that the increased wall height will not eliminate his concern with regard to noise.

14b. ASSEMBLY BILL 3229 - CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Chief of Police that the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive

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public input concerning the use of AB 3229
Citizen's Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant
funds and provide direction for program selection.

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on City Council consideration with regard to Assembly Bill 3229 - Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant funding -- maximum available funds \$321,540 per formula.

By way of overheads and written material (of record), Chief of Police De Ladurantey reviewed the eligible COPS programs and available funding to local enforcement for the purpose of ensuring public safety.

Councilman Nakano strongly supported the establishment of a Police Community Center in North Torrance. Chief De Ladurantey, for Mr. Nakano, advised that various locations are being considered for the placement of this Center.

Supporting the establishment of a Police Community Center, Councilman Walker suggested the area near Yukon Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Although safety/security concerns at Del Amo Mall are continuing to improve, Councilman Lee noted that this area as well as the North Torrance area is one of noted concern. Because the available funding is restricted to one year, City Manager Jackson noted that additional measures at Del Amo Mall would require on-going personnel cost which would exceed the one-year funding.

Because the available funding is limited, Councilman Messerlian spoke in support of people-oriented programs versus equipment-oriented programs such as the following, which total to \$350,000:

- #1 - Safety Streets Act of 1994 Task Force
Estimated Program Funding: \$50,000

- #2 - Victim Assistance Program
Estimated Program Funding: \$50,000

- #6 - Personal Responsibility in Daily Encounters
(P.R.I.D.E.) Instruction
Estimated Program Funding: \$100,000

- #10 - Expansion of D.A.R.E. instruction to the 5th
Grade level
Estimated Program Funding: \$50,000

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#11 - Establishment of a Police Community Center
in North Torrance
Estimated Program Funding: \$100,000

Speaking in support of further research with regard to domestic family violence and intervention, Councilwoman Cribbs echoed the support of the Victim Assistance Program and as well spoke in support of the establishment of a Police Community Center in North Torrance.

With regard to the Victim Assistance Program, Councilwoman O'Donnell recommended that it be researched, prior to implementation, whether or not the City would be duplicating existing programs. Concurring with the establishment of a Police Community Center in North Torrance, Councilwoman O'Donnell suggested the establishment of one permanent substation and one floating substation which could be placed where needed.

In an effort to create as much law enforcement visibility throughout the City as possible, Mayor Hardison expressed her support of the Victim Assistance Program, the Personal Responsibility in Daily Encounters (P.R.I.D.E.) Instruction, the expansion of D.A.R.E. instruction to the 5th grade level, and the establishment of a Police Community Center in North Torrance, totaling to \$300,000.

Chief of Police De Ladurantey recognized the efforts of Sergeant Shortall.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to continue this item to the November 12, 1996, City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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At 10:09 P.M., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 10:10 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATION

19a. The City Clerk reminded the voting public that those interested in voting on November 5, 1996, must be registered by October 7, 1996; advised that registration forms are available in the City libraries and the City Clerk's office;

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and noted that sample ballots will be mailed by L.A. County Registrar beginning September 26, 1996 and that absentee voter ballots may be requested at that time.

19b. City Clerk Herbers apprised the viewing public of two vacancies on the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission, noting that appoints will be made by the City Council at the October 1, 1996, City Council meeting.

19c. In response to Councilman Messerlian, City Manager Jackson provided clarification with regard to the \$689,000 grant the City received from the State's Department of Transportation in order to implement the newly adopted Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan and advised that the City was as well awarded a \$31,000 grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District in order to implement bicycle enhancements throughout the City in an effort to encourage the use of bicycles.

19d. As was mentioned by Councilwoman Cribbs at a previous City Council meeting, Councilman Messerlian readdressed the existing sign and debris located at the southeast corner of Artesia Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue. He also commented on the appearance of two other vacant lots located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard (north of Parnelli Jones) and at the corner of Madison Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. City Manager Jackson noted that staff would follow up.

19e. Councilman Nakano referenced an article published in the *Air Force Association Newsletter* with regard to the City's Armed Forces Day Parade.

19f. Councilman Nakano referenced the letter written by Planning Director Ferren to the City of Los Angeles with regard the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Harbor Gateway Retail Center. City Manager Jackson noted that the City had received a two-week extension period in which to respond.

19g. Councilwoman O'Donnell apprised the viewing public of an upcoming two-semester course entitled "Career in Aviation."

19h. Because of a proliferation of possums throughout the City, Councilwoman O'Donnell encouraged the residents to not leave dog/cat food outside of the residence.

19i. Councilwoman O'Donnell apprised those interested of an upcoming Rose Float Association Fundraiser "Football Night" at T.G.I.F., on Monday, October 21, 1996, at a cost of \$25.00.

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19j. Councilman Walker noted that he had enjoyed the Torrance Air Fair as well as other City events hosted this past weekend.

19k. Mayor Hardison requested that staff provide information at the next City Council meeting with regard to possibly going dark on October 29 and November 5, 1996.

19l. Mayor Hardison extended congratulations to the City Clerk who was appointed to a Directorship on the Board of the Southern California City Clerks' Association as well as the City Treasurer who was appointed to the Local Agency Investment Fund.

City Treasurer Barnett relayed her honor in having been appointed by the State Treasurer to this two-year term.

19m. Fire Chief Adams, in response to Mayor Hardison, advised that Mobil has received the necessary permits from the Air Quality Management District in order to commence construction for the modifications to the hydrogen fluoride process.

19n. Fire Chief Adams provided clarification with regard to SB 1889 and commended Battalion Fire Chief Hall and Hazardous Materials Analyst Kulluck for their efforts associated with the drafting, amending, and passage of this Bill.

19o. Apprising the City Council members of his medical condition because of the existing Eucalyptus tree located in front of his residence, Mr. Robert Murray, 24420 Park Street, requested the removal of this tree. City Manager Jackson noted that staff would follow up on the matter.

Considering Mr. Murray's medical condition, Councilman Walker spoke in support of removing the tree. City Manager Jackson noted that this is a 75' Eucalyptus tree in the Walteria area and that it has been past policy to not remove such trees. Mr. Walker requested that additional information be provided to the City Council with regard to this matter.

19p. Mr. Gary Birks, 3770 W. 242nd Street, addressed an on-going parking problem at the U-Haul site located at the Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway intersection and advised that a recent accident occurred because the U-Haul trucks were blocking clear visibility.

Because the U-Haul site was approved prior to the requirement of a Conditional Use Permit, Building and Safety Director Isomoto provided additional input with regard to this site and expressed willingness to meet with Mr. Birks to further address his concerns.

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20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

At 10:40 P.M., the City Council resumed its consideration of executive session matters, read earlier in the meeting (see pages 1-2). Council members returned to Chambers at 11:12 P.M. No formal action was taken.


21. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:13 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, October 1, 1996, at 5:30 P.M.

*... Adjourned in the memory of
Ralph Grippo ...*



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance