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... Adjourned in the memory of  
Patti DeMello ...

Michaela A. Ballreich  
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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, September 3, 1996, at 5:30 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.

\* - Councilwoman O'Donnell arrived at 6:25 P.M. and Councilman Walker arrived at 5:39 P.M.

**Considered at this time ...**

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

Mayor Hardison read the following statement into the record:

The City 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), "Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation,"

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and 20.a.4), "Real Property - Conference with Real Property Negotiator."

A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b)(3)(B), and 54956.8.

Redevelopment Agency Executive Session

Real Property - Conference with Real Property Negotiator

A closed session on this matter is authorized by California Government Code Section 54956.8.

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At 5:31 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to Chambers at 7:05 P.M. No formal action was taken following this executive session. (Executive Session resumed at 8:28 P.M.; see page 15.)

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1. ROLL CALL

Previously taken; see page 1.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Mr. Ted Doty.

Reverend Paul Lance, Seaside Community Church, led the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison requested that this meeting be adjourned in the memory Patti DeMello.

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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. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 4, 1996 - 4:30 P.M.

T.U.S.D. Office Conference Room

Subjects: Shooting Range/Towers School; Youth Services Task Force; Levy School Site; Parking at Casimir Middle School; Lincoln School Concerns; TUSD Bond Issue Update.

**FINANCE AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 10, 1996 - 5:30 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

**AD HOC ARMED FORCES DAY COMMITTEE**

Friday, September 20, 1996 - 12:00 Noon

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Grand Marshal and Publicity

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6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE COMPANIES AND  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTING THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
OKTOBERFEST**

*So proclaimed* by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Mrs. Teri Rotter, who, in turn, commented on the success of the past Oktoberfest Charity Benefits at Alpine Village and thanked the City Council for honoring those sponsors who have made this event the success it is. The following sponsors were honored with the receipt of a proclamation:

**Rockwell Donate Once Club  
International Order of Caribou  
Scott Robinson Honda  
Little Company of Mary  
Greene's Ready mixed concrete  
Daily Breeze  
Apia Pago Express  
(not in attendance)  
Sertoma  
Sommerville Plywood  
Hugo Neu-Proler  
(not in attendance)**

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- June 11, 1996 and July 16, 1996**

7b. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JULY 1996**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Treasurer that the City Council receive the investment reports for information only.

**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

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is in concurrence with the City of Torrance Investment Policy. The Committee is not responsible for the review or direction of the invested funds held by Fiscal Agents. The funds are invested by a Trustee appointed under the debt trust indenture with direction from the City Treasurer and is consistent with investments allowed by Government Code Section 53600.

**7c. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR JULY 1995 THROUGH JUNE 1996**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Community Services Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council accept and file the annual report.

**7d. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1995 - JUNE 1996**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council accept and file the annual report.

**7e. CITYWIDE SEWER PUMP STATIONS UPGRADE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council approve Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Clarke Contracting Corporation, and authorize final payment for the construction and upgrade of the Citywide Sewer Pump Stations, Phase I (B94-4/C95-003).

**7f. TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SKYPARK DRIVE AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Planning Director that the contract be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and attest to the

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contract on behalf of the City. It is further recommended that a final demand be made upon the bonding company, and if they refuse to pay the bond amount that the City Attorney be authorized to bring suit against them for the \$73,400. It is further recommended that the sum of \$103,000 be appropriated from gas tax funds.

**7g. TAXICAB SERVICE FOR SENIORS AND AMBULATORY DISABLED CITIZENS (RFP96-35)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Director of General Services and the Director of Fleet Services that the City Council authorize a contract be awarded for an annual anticipated amount not to exceed \$502,000.00 in FY 1997 and \$515,000.00 in FY 1998 to Administrative Services Cooperative, Gardena, CA, to provide taxicab service for seniors and ambulatory disabled citizens.

**CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:**

A special meeting of the Commission on Aging was convened to address this item. City staff made a presentation which was concurred with by the Commission.

**7h. DONATION FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Youth Council that the City Council authorize a grant of \$3,000 to His House from the Torrance Youth Council fund for "Operation Backpack."

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

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**13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**13a. OPERATION OF THE TORRANCE CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council approve the execution of the agreement with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for the operation of the Torrance Conference and Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Bob Popeney, Chair of Board of Directors of the Torrance Conference and Visitors Bureau, informed the Council members that he was present to answer any questions.

**MOTION:** Councilman Walker moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**13b. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FY 1996-97**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Treasurer and the Investment Advisory Committee that the City Council approve the recommended changes to the statement of Investment Policy and adopt the resolution.

As per agenda material (of record), City Treasurer Barnett briefly reviewed the recommended changes which were based on State legislation and advised that no changes were made to the maximum percentage allowed under Investment types.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-106**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING  
THE STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 96 - 97 IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH CERTAIN GUIDELINES**

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**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-106. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**Agenda Item Nos. 13c and 13d were considered together**

**13c. DESIGNATION OF DELEGATES FOR LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES' ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council designate a delegate and an alternate delegate to attend the League of California Cities' 98th annual conference, "Cities Creating Solutions for the 21st Century."

**13d. DESIGNATION OF DELEGATES FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' ANNUAL CONGRESS OF CITIES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council designate a delegate and alternate delegate to attend the National League of Cities' Annual Congress to be held December 7 - 10, 1996, in San Antonio, Texas.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to designate Mayor Hardison as the voting delegate for the League of California Cities' Conference and Councilman Nakano as the alternate delegate and to designate Councilman Nakano as the voting delegate for the National League of Cities' Annual Congress of Cities and Councilman Lee as the alternate delegate. Councilman Walker seconded the motion and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**13e. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Public Safety Committee that the City Council concur with the continuance of the Community Awareness Program through fiscal year 1996-97; approve the expenditure of funds for the program; and consider the Police Department's request to identify the program as "Partners in Policing."

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Noting that the overall efforts of this program have far exceeded the expectations, Police Chief De Ladurantey provided a detailed overview of this 12-week program and noted that two graduates of the program were in attendance of this meeting and desirous of addressing the Council.

With great enthusiasm, both Mr. Patrick Wren and Mrs. Robin Wren, 16902 Kristin Avenue, commended and thanked the City and the Police Department for the opportunity to be a part of the Community Awareness Program; spoke very highly of the training, experience, and knowledge obtained from the Program; and strongly encouraged the Council to approve the continuance of the Community Awareness Program.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to continue the Community Awareness Program through fiscal year 1996-97; approve the expenditure of funds for the program; and to concur with the Police Department's request to identify the program as "Parents in Policing." The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Having attended a couple of the sessions, Mayor Hardison echoed the positive comments made by Mr. and Mrs. Wren; spoke in support of continuing the Program; and concurred with identifying the program as "Parents in Policing" but requested that no acronym be created to shortcut the proposed name.

Police Chief De Ladurantey recognized Police Sergeant LaLonde for his efforts associated with the creation and coordination of this program.

### **13f. PLANNING PERMIT FEES**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Planning Director that the City Council adopt the Resolution setting fees for the Development Permit, Minor Development Permit, and Minor Conditional Use Permit.

Planning Director Ferren noted that the proposed permit fees were based on a comparison with other similar permits and clarified that the proposed fees are specific to the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor.

Because the title of the three new land use entitlements have already been noted as such in the Ordinance, Planning Director Ferren, for Councilman Messerlian, noted that the title of these entitlements could be readdressed in the future.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 96-107**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING  
FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS,  
MINOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS, AND  
MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-107. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

It was noted by staff that these fees would be effective in 60 days.

**14. HEARINGS**

**14a. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Planning Director that the City Council adopt the Resolution to self-certify local compliance with CMP and approve the reports for submittal as required by the Congestion Management Program local reporting requirements.

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on City Council consideration of a resolution to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program requirements and approve the submittal of the CMP New Development Activity Report and CMP Transportation Improvement Credit Claims Report.

Transportation Planner Buchman proudly announced that for the 1996 reporting period, the City had again accrued a positive balance of CMP debit points. If the City Council were to adopt the recommended resolution, Ms. Buchman clarified that final approval will still be required from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-108. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-108**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE  
WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP  
LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT  
CODE SECTION 65089

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to approve the submittal of the CMP New Development Activity Report and CMP Transportation Improvement Credit Claims Report. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**14b. FY 1997-2000 TORRANCE SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Fleet Services Director that the City Council approve the FY 1997-2000 Torrance Short-Range Transit Plan for formal submittal to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on City Council consideration of the FY 1997-2000 Torrance Short-Range Transit Plan.

Advising that in order for the City to receive annual regional transit funding allocations, Fleet Services Director Ishmael noted that the Council must approve a Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP). Mr. Ishmael introduced Transit Contracts Coordinator Hildebrand who proceeded with a detailed description of the SRTP (as per written material of record), providing specific clarification with regard to run cutting and scheduling software.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to concur with the Fleet Services Director's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mayor Hardison expressed appreciation to those involved in the completion of the Torrance Short-Range Transit Plan.

**16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3427**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, 2, 3, 9, AND 10 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 1, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 81.2.1 AND 81.2.3 THROUGH 81.2.37, AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 81.2.1 AND 81.2.3 THROUGH 81.2.43, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 AND 7 OF CHAPTER 2, AND BY ENACTING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 3, AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 83.2.1 THROUGH 83.2.5 AND 83.2.7 THROUGH 83.2.11 AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 83.2.1 THROUGH 83.2.5 AND 83.2.7 THROUGH 83.2.10, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 9, AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 89.2.2 THROUGH 89.2.5, AND BY ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 89.2.2 THROUGH 89.2.4, AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 10, ALL OF WHICH ADOPT OR AMEND THE 1994 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE VOLUMES 1, 2, AND 3 WITH APPENDICES, THE 1993 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 1994 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE WITH APPENDICES, THE 1994 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE WITH APPENDICES, AND THE 1994 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3427 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 3428**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING  
ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF CHAPTER 5 OF  
DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
CODE, ENACTING NEW ARTICLES 1 AND 2,  
WHICH ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 1994  
EDITION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE,  
VOLUME 1, INCLUDING APPENDIX I-A, I-B,  
III-C, V-A, VI-A, AND VI-D, AND MAKING  
CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THOSE CODES

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3428 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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The Redevelopment Agency conducted its business from 8:12 P.M. to 8:14 P.M. Council business was resumed at this time, with the bodies remaining in joint session for the purpose of a continued joint executive session; see page 15.

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**19. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

**19a.** City Attorney Fellows provided information with regard to a letter several residents in west Torrance had received from Cornerstone Oil Company, offering to sell to the Homeowners mineral rights to the oil and gas located underneath their homes. Following additional review of this issue by the City Attorney's office, Mr. Fellows advised that information would be provided to the City Council.

**19b.** City Clerk Herbers apprised the public of a Commission vacancy on the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission, noting that applications would be accepted through September 18, 1996.

**19c.** For Councilwoman Cribbs, City Manager Jackson advised that the Council's insurance concerns with regard to the upcoming Air Fair are being resolved and that the Torrance Air Fair Association is being required to obtain appropriate insurance.

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**19d.** Referencing recent City Council discussion with regard to residential care facilities, Councilman Lee provided clarification with regard to a letter sent to the Editor of the Daily Breeze, noting that all City Council members have partaken in the discussions to address the residents' concerns with regard to these facilities.

**19e.** Expressing delight with the expansion of coverage by the Gardena Valley News, Councilman Messerlian acknowledged the reporter in attendance.

**19f.** Having attended German Day at Alpine Village, sponsored by the German American League, Councilman Nakano advised that the Secretary of the League, Frigga Breitenstein, was honored with receiving the highest civilian award (Order of Merit) from the German Government for her community services. He suggested that appropriate City Council recognition be given to Ms. Breitenstein.

**19g.** Councilwoman O'Donnell informed the viewing public that Mayor Hardison, Councilman Messerlian, and she will be judges for this Saturday's "Stein Holding" Contest for the Oktoberfest at Alpine Village and invited all to partake.

**19h.** In reading the minutes of the August 14, 1996, Parks and Recreation Commission minutes, Councilwoman O'Donnell favorably commented and supported the Commission's discussion to fence off a designated area at Wilson Park for a dog park.

**19i.** For information only, Councilwoman O'Donnell shared knowledge she had obtained while visiting Chicago that during World War I, 5,000 Germans from the Chicago area were held in detention camps.

**19j.** Correcting a previously made comment with regard to residential care facilities, Councilwoman O'Donnell noted that the actual cost per occupant of such facilities per month is \$5,000 and not \$3,000. Miss O'Donnell as well referenced additional legislation with regard to these facilities and requested that staff keep the Council apprised.

**19k.** In response to Mayor Hardison, City Engineer Burtt advised that a corrected flier, reflecting accurate information, has been sent to the residents in north Torrance.

**19l.** Mrs. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, invited the City Council members and the public to the last Summer Sunday Series (September 8, 1996); advised that Saturday, September 21, 1996, is "Beach Clean-up Day" at the Madrona Marsh and at Torrance Beach; and invited the Council members and

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the public to a "Picnic at the Marsh" on Saturday, October 26, 1996, at 12:00 Noon, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Madrona Marsh.

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**


At 8:28 P.M., Council/Agency resumed its consideration of executive session matters, read earlier in the meeting (see pages 1-2). Members returned to Chambers at 10:07 P.M. No formal action was taken.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:08 P.M., this meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency was formally adjourned to Tuesday, September 10, 1996, at 7:00 P.M.

*... Adjourned in the memory of  
Patti DeMello...*

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance

Michaela A. Ballreich  
Minute Secretary

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