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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 was called to order in an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 1996, at 5:30 P.M. There being no quorum at that time, the City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 1996, at 6:34 P.M., in the Council Chamber of Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilwoman Cribbs.

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

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," and 20.a.2), "Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation."

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

Redevelopment Agency Executive Session

None.

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At 6:35 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to Chambers at 7:40 P.M., to conduct regularly scheduled business. (Formal action was taken during this executive session; see page 14 – Executive Session.)

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Previously taken.

2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Flag salute was led by Ms. Janet Kiley.

Pastor Rusty Fennell, Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, led the invocation for the meeting.

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

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4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, August 26, 1996, 5:00 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Second Community Awareness Class

FINANCE & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

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

Torrance Unified School District Office Conference Room

Subjects: Redondo Beach Firing Range; Youth Services

Task Force; Levy School site; parking at Casimir

Middle School

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Mayor Hardison recognized and congratulated City Manager Jackson on the receipt of his 30-year service pin.

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6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 96-90 HONORING BEN PIPER**

RESOLUTION NO. 96- 90

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
BEN PIPER FOR HIS DEDICATION,
PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-90. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

Mr. Ben Piper proudly accepted the retirement plaque and framed resolution presented to him by Mayor Hardison.

Building and Safety Director Isomoto recognized and commended Mr. Piper for his years of dedicated service and wished him an enjoyable retirement.

Councilwoman O'Donnell echoed the previously made comments and congratulated Mr. Piper on his retirement.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- July 9, 1996

7b. PURCHASE ORDER AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Personnel Department that the City Council approve entering into purchase order agreements for "anticipated usage" with Beach Communities Family Medical Group for \$67,000 and The Medical Group of Torrance for \$108,000 for a combined amount not to exceed \$175,000. The funds for medical services have previously been approved within the current budget. Approval of the purchase order agreements will allow payment for services rendered.

7c. PURCHASE ORDER FOR CONTINUING ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Chief of Police that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for \$36,476.69 to Tiburon, Inc. of Fremont, California, for the sole source purchase of continuing annual software maintenance services required for the Police Department's computer system.

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7d. **AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND TESTING OF COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELED BUSES**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fleet Services Director that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the South Coast Air Quality District (SCAQMD) which would provide \$300,000 in AB 2766 funding to partially defray the purchase cost for five 40-foot buses with compressed natural gas (CNG) fueled engines. The remaining \$1.2 million estimated to be required for this purchase will come from a pending Federal Transit Administration grant.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER TO PROVIDE A CALL DETAIL REPORTING (CDR) SYSTEM (RFP #B96-21)**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Director of Information Systems that the City Council authorize a purchase order to provide a call detail reporting (CDR) system to Telco Research of Nashville, TN, in the total amount of \$58,108.40 (including sales tax).

7f. **FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 24251**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council approve Final Parcel Map No. 24251, located on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard south of 190th Street, which has met all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

7g. **AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DAVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fleet Services Director and the MAX Policy Steering Committee that the City Council approve the Amendment to the Agreement with DAVE Transportation Services, which provides for an extension of the contract term for two years, from July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1998, and

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sets the monthly and hourly compensation rates for the extended term.

7h. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND AND ADD FUNDING TO 1995-1996 JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Personnel Director that the City Council extend the time frame and add funding to the 1995-1996 agreements for: El Camino Basic Skills (\$38,400) and Los Angeles Harbor College Basic Skills (\$27,200). It is also recommended that a new agreement for 1996-1997 be executed with Los Angeles Harbor College (\$47,000) to provide GAIN services, and that new purchase orders for 1996-1997 be executed for the provision of employment and training services with Career Enterprises (\$23,000) and HR Solutions (\$20,000).

7i. EXECUTION OF JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) CUSTOMIZED TRAINING AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Personnel Director that the City Council execute agreements for the provision of customized employment and training services with Little Company of Mary Health Services that will not exceed \$125,000 and Harbor Medical College that will not exceed \$58,260.

7j. APPROPRIATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY FUND TO ASSIST IN REFURBISHING THE GYM FLOOR AT WEST HIGH SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council appropriate \$13,500 from the Parks and Recreation Facility Fund to assist Torrance Unified School District in refurbishing the gym floor at West High School.

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MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with Consent Calendar Items 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, and 7j. Councilman Walker seconded the motion which carried with unanimous approval of those present following roll call vote (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. MEMORANDUMS OF INTENT/UNDERSTANDING

Assistant to City Manager Keane provided a brief update with regard to contract negotiations with the various City employee organizations; advised that agreements have been reached with certain organizations; noted that the City continues to meet with the remaining five employee organizations -- Engineers, Torrance Fiscal Employees Association, Torrance Library Employees Association, Torrance Municipal Employees - AFSCME, Local 1117, and Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association; and requested that Unilateral Resolutions be adopted for those five employee organizations, extending hours, wages, and working conditions to September 10, 1996.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-101

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 to adopt Resolution No. 96-101. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of those present (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-102

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

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-102. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-103

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 to adopt Resolution No. 96-103. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-104

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 to adopt Resolution No. 96-104. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-105

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 to adopt Resolution No. 96-105. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

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14. HEARINGS

14a. ADOPTION OF THE 1994 UNIFORM FIRE CODE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire Chief that the City Council approve the Ordinance which adopts, by reference, the 1994 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code, with local amendments, as the Fire Code of the City of Torrance; and adopt the resolution of findings for the local amendments, as required by State law.

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on City Council consideration to adopt, by reference, the 1994 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code and to adopt a Resolution which outlines the reasons for certain amendments to the Uniform Fire Code.

Proof of publication was received and filed without comment.

By way of overheads (copies provided to the Council), Fire Chief Adams reviewed the purpose of the recommended amendments and highlighted the type of changes being proposed, noting that the proposed amendments are primarily being recommended to provide clarification to the public and that these changes will not impact current practice.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

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

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Ordinance No. 3428. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, TOPOGRAPHIC, AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE JUSTIFYING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE 1994 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, INCLUDING CERTAIN APPENDICES.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-100. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs).

Mayor Hardison commended Fire Chief Adams and the Fire Department on their efforts associated with completing this task. Fire Chief Adams extended special commendation to Battalion Chief Goins, Fire Captain Gebel, and Senior Fire Inspector Fawcett.

14b. ADOPTION OF THE 1994 CONSTRUCTION CODES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Building and Safety Director that the City Council approve the Ordinance adopting the 1994 Edition of the Uniform Building Code, Volumes I, II, and III, the Uniform Mechanical Code, the Uniform Plumbing Code, the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and the 1993 Edition of the National Electrical Code with local amendments as the Building Code of the City of Torrance, as amended, as a Resolution of Findings of Local Amendments.

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on City Council consideration to adopt, by reference, the 1994 Edition of the Uniform Building Code, the Uniform Mechanical Code, the Uniform Plumbing Code, the Uniform Code for Abatement of Dangerous Building, and the 1993

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Edition of the National Electrical Code and to adopt a Resolution which outlines the reasons for certain amendments to the Uniform Codes.

Proof of publication was received and filed without comment.

Building and Safety Director Isomoto briefly highlighted the proposed amendments (as per written material of record), advising that these amendments would be in keeping with the commitment to develop a Uniform National Code by the year 2000.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

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

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3427. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 96-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING
AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF
UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, TOPOGRAPHIC,
AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE JUSTIFYING CERTAIN
AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM
CONSTRUCTION CODES OF THE STATE
OF CALIFORNIA

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-99. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilwoman Cribbs).

Mayor Hardison commended Building and Safety Director Isomoto and the Building and Safety Department on their efforts associated with completing this task. Building and Safety Director Isomoto extended special recognition to Building Inspector Sheldon and Plans Examiner Segovia.

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At 8:20 P.M., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:21 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. City Clerk Herbers announced that the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission has one Commission vacancy and that applications are being accepted through Wednesday, September 18, 1996.

19b. Councilman Lee requested that the Torrance Babe Ruth Baseball Team be properly recognized for their accomplishment by winning the Babe Ruth Championship.

19c. Councilman Nakano advised that he had participated in the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for PETsMART, noting that the Southern California Sales Manager is a North High School graduate.

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19d. Having attended the unearthing of the 1978 time capsule at Delthorne Park, Councilman Nakano advised that former Youth Council Members Brad Hardison and Tom Roberts were in attendance of the event and noted that another time capsule was buried which will be opened 2021.

19e. Councilwoman O'Donnell, echoed by Mayor Hardison, wished Councilman Lee a belated Happy 40th Birthday.

19f. Although she was unable to attend the burial of the time capsule for 2021, Mayor Hardison noted that she had written a letter to the Mayor of 2021.

19g. Mayor Hardison expressed her delight with the relocation of Peyton Cramer Ford dealership (Pacific Coast Highway and Aero Way) to the City of Torrance.

19h. Mayor Hardison announced that Councilwoman O'Donnell has been reassigned to the Community Planning and Design Committee from the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee and that Councilman Messerlian has been reassigned to the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee from the Community Planning and Design Committee.

19i. With regard to the August 6, 1996, Residential Care Facilities Workshop, Ms. Cathleen Tardaguila, 2469 W. 236th Place, expressed appreciation to Principal Management Assistant Barco for her informative assistance; shared concerns with regard to the KOPP Bill; and offered legislative information with regard to Residential Care Facilities which she had obtained.

19j. Councilwoman O'Donnell referenced a letter written to the Editor of the Daily Breeze with regard to the funding of residential care facilities.

19k. Councilman Messerlian announced and congratulated Mayor Hardison on her appointment as Chair of the South Bay Council of Governments.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Discussed earlier; see pages 1-2.)

City Attorney Fellows advised that pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, the City Council is required to announce final action taken during Executive Session and, therefore, noted that the City Council, in closed session, by a unanimous 6-0 vote (Councilwoman Cribbs absent) authorized the

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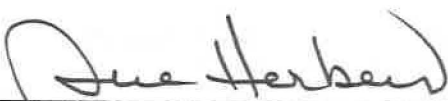
Mayor to execute a revised consent decree in U.S. et al. v. Montrose Chemical Corp. of California et al. [Case No. 93-55824 (9th Cir.)]. Reviewing the similarities of this consent decree with the one passed several years ago, Mr. Fellows noted that the newly executed decree will be reviewed by the District for a Fairness Hearing and that the Council would be kept apprised as to its status.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:37 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, September 3, 1996, at 5:30 P.M.



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance