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... Adjourned in the memory of
Doris Erickson ...

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council was called to order in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 1996, at 5:30 P.M. There being no quorum at that time, the City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 1996, at 6:32 P.M., in the Council Chamber of Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Lee.

Also present: City Manager Jackson,
City Attorney Fellows,
Deputy City Clerk Robinson,
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," 20.a.2) "Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation," and 20.a.3) "Real Property - Conference with Real Property Negotiator."

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

Redevelopment Agency Executive Session

None.

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At 6:32 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to Chambers at 7:04 P.M. to conduct regularly scheduled business. No formal action was taken following this executive session.

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1. ROLL CALL

Previously taken.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Mr. Bob Dictor, General Manager for Marriott Hotel.

Pastor David Navarez, South Bay Vineyard Christian Fellowship, led the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Doris Erickson, a former City employee.

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3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs 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: Councilwoman Cribbs 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

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ordinance in regular order. This motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

It was noted that Agenda Item 14a. (PRE 96-0004: James D. Irwin) has been withdrawn by the appellant.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, August 26, 1996, 5:30 P.M.
Third Floor Assembly Room

CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 4, 1996, 4:30 P.M.
Torrance Unified School District Office
Subject: Redondo Beach Firing Range, Youth Services Task Force,
Sam Levy School, Casimir Middle School parking concerns.

FINANCE & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 10, 1996, 5:30 P.M.
Third Floor Assembly Room
Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

Considered out of order ...

6b. RESOLUTION COMMENDING DON WILSON

RESOLUTION NO. 96-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING
DON WILSON FOR ALL HIS YEARS OF HARD
WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF
TORRANCE

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-97. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilman Lee absent).

For adoption only - to be presented at a later date.

Returning to regular agenda order ...

6a. **RECOGNITION OF MICHELLE KWAN**

Recognizing the achieved accomplishments by Michelle Kwan, Mayor Hardison proudly presented to her a key to the City of Torrance which was graciously accepted by Michelle Kwan.

6b. **RESOLUTION COMMENDING DON WILSON**

(Discussed earlier; see pages 3-4.)

6c. **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 24, 1996, AS YOUTH CELEBRATION DAY - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE**

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Ms. Sarah Peters, Youth Council member; and Recreation Specialist Goldenson.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- May 28, 1996, and June 18, 1996**

7b. **Purchase Order for the Special Opportunity Purchase of two Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Street Sweepers**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Director of General Services, the Director of Fleet Services, and the Director of Street Services that the City Council authorize a purchase order for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$290,266.24 to Nixon-Egli Equipment Co., Santa Fe Springs, CA, for the purchase of two (2) CNG Street Sweepers.

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7c. ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Librarian that the City Council appropriate Library court costs in the amount of \$3,600, premium pay in the amount of \$2,710, and further appropriate \$9,290 for books offset by the increased revenue of \$15,600 from Small Claims Court cases.

7d. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Personnel Director and the Civil Service Commission that the City Council review and approve the proposed revised class specification for Building Inspector. The Engineers concur in staff's recommendation.

7e. OPPOSITION TO ASSEMBLY BILL 1949 (CONROY)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Engineering Director that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute a Notice of Opposition to California State Assembly Bill 1949 (AB-1949), which would limit retention on public works projects by public agencies.

7f. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND SIGNAL HARDWARE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Director of Street Services that the City Council authorize a purchase order to Econolite Products of Anaheim, California, in the anticipated amount of \$75,000.00, plus a 10% contingency, for a total of \$82,500.00 for the sole source purchase of traffic control equipment and signal hardware on an "as needed" basis.

7g. VANPOOL PROGRAM AND RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT THE
EMPLOYEE RIDESHARE PROGRAM COORDINATION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council appropriate \$39,639.84 in vanpool fare box revenue to the City's Vanpool Program; and approve the renewal of a contract for the employee rideshare program coordination with Brohman & Brohman in the amount of \$65,520 per year from August 26, 1996 - August 25, 1997.

7h. PURCHASE ORDER TO FURNISH ALL EQUIPMENT,
MATERIALS, AND LABOR REQUIRED FOR TREE AND/OR
STUMP REMOVAL

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Director of Street Services that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for \$119,586.00, plus a 10% contingency, for a total of \$131,544.60, to West Coast Arborists, Inc., of Anaheim, California, to furnish all equipment, materials, and labor required to completely remove City trees and/or tree stumps on an "as needed" basis for a period of three (3) years.

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 of those present (Councilman Lee absent).

11. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

11a. HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN AREA

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning Director that the City Council adopt the Resolution to amend Exhibit "D" of Resolution No. 96-82 that shows a portion of the boundaries

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of the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan Area as approved by the City Council on July 23, 1996.

Planning Director Ferren briefly reviewed the recommendation.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT "D" OF RESOLUTION 96-82 SHOWING A PORTION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN AREA

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-98. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote of those present reflected unanimous approval (Councilman Lee absent).

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. MEMORANDUMS OF INTENT AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

(Considered earlier under Executive Session; see pages 1-2; no formal action taken.)

14. HEARINGS

14a. PRE 96-0004: JAMES D. IRWIN

Withdrawn by the appellant; see page 3.

18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

18a. SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1690 (KOPP)

City Attorney Fellows informed the Council members that, in order, to consider this issue, the Council would need to take action, recognizing by a two-thirds vote, that the subject matter and the need to take related action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda, noting that such action may be taken pursuant to Brown Act Section 54954.2 (b)(2).

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council approve and that the Mayor sign a letter in support of Senate Bill 1690 (KOPP) and that this letter be forwarded to the Senate.

For Councilman Nakano, Management Assistant Lopez confirmed that the Bill does exclude transitional shelter facilities, foster family homes, and residential care facilities for the elderly. Mr. Nakano apprised staff that he had received a phone call from a Southwood Riviera resident, expressing concern with the placement of a third residential care facility within a one-block area. Councilman Nakano requested that additional clarification/information with regard to residential care facilities be provided such as whether Federal statute or State legislation precludes local municipalities from imposing any type of regulations on these facilities. Councilwoman O'Donnell recommended forwarding communication to State legislators, requesting the imposition of an allowable limit on such facilities per block and the need to establish local control in an effort to retain the integrity of the City and neighborhood.

Although the KOPP Bill does not address all concerns/issues raised by the residents at the August 6, 1996, Workshop, Mayor Hardison noted that the Bill would address future issues which may, at this point in time, not yet be present in the City. In response to the Southwood Riviera resident's concern, City Manager Jackson replied that it would be researched through the Fire Department whether or not a third facility is being proposed within a one-block area.

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

At 7:29 P.M., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 7:30 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATION

19a. City Attorney Fellows wished his wife a Happy 20th Anniversary.

19b. Having attended the "Celebration of the Streets" in Downtown Torrance, Councilwoman Cribbs commented on the walking tour and the wonderful entertainment; thanked those individuals who participated in the Celebration; and as well expressed delight in having had the opportunity to participate.

19c. Also having participated in the Downtown Torrance "Celebration of the Streets," Councilwoman O'Donnell fondly reminisced and proudly commented on the development/progress of this particular area of the City.

19d. Referencing an article in the Daily Breeze, Councilman Walker noted that the California Senate honored Senator Beverly for his many years of service.

19e. In light of an upcoming event at Del Amo Mall over the Labor Day weekend, Mr. Brian Cole, representing Premier Sports Marketing, 15928 Perris Boulevard, Moreno Valley, requested that the City Council address the business license process for special events, requesting the issuance of a blanket license for the event versus an individual vendor fee. City Manager Jackson noted that staff will discuss the matter with Mr. Cole.

19f. Ms. Helen Doyle, 18626 Yukon Avenue, commended Parks and Recreation Director Barnett and the Parks and Recreation Department on its efforts associated with the recent Neighborhood Community Picnic at Columbia Park and requested that if the event were sponsored by the Department again next year, that it be better advertised to ensure increased participation. Although this was a pilot program, Mr. Barnett advised that the standard methods of public notification were followed.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Discussed earlier; see pages 1-2.)


21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:42 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, August 27, 1996, at 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M.

... Adjourned in the memory of
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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance