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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, August 13, 1996, at 7:02 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 Lee arrived at 7:04 P.M. and Councilman Nakano at 7:05 P.M.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by John Bonds of Boy Scout Troop #310.

The City Clerk led the invocation for the meeting.

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 and there being no objection, Mayor Hardison so ordered (Council members Lee and Nakano had not yet arrived).

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

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

Agenda Item No. 14a; see pages 10-11.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FINANCE & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 13, 1996, 5:30 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

Noting that this Committee meeting had been canceled, Councilman Lee apologized for any inconvenience. Councilman Nakano suggested that all Charter Clubs be notified of any future cancellations.

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

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

Joint Meeting of City Council & Library Commission

Wednesday, August 14, 1996, 11:30 A.M.

Civic Center Library Meeting Room

Subject: Library Operations

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.

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Considering her contributions to the growth and development of this community and her instrumental efforts in starting the City's library system, Mayor Hardison proposed that a special recognition be given to former Mayor Katy Geissert by designating the Civic Center Library as the Katy Geissert Torrance Library.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the Mayor's proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal of 12% for fiscal year 1996-97 for projects assisted by United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration funds.

7b. **LIBRARY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Library Commission and the City Librarian that the City Council accept and file the report.

7c. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF FENCING AT SEA AIRE GOLF COURSE**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Director of General Services and the Director of Parks and Recreation that the City Council authorize a purchase order for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 to Manhire Construction, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, Ca, for the repair and replacement of fencing at Sea Aire Golf Course.

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

8. **LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION**

8a. **FUNDING FOR CENTRAL TORRANCE LITTLE LEAGUE
AND SOUTH BAY GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION FIELD
RELOCATION PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council provide direction as to the level of funding to be given to the Central Torrance Little League and South Bay Girls Softball Association for relocation of their respective facilities.

In response to Councilman Messerlian, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett clarified that this item is before the Council to clarify whether or not any balance of the appropriated \$50,000 relocation cost per site could be utilized to fund any necessary site improvements and/or field preparation or if the expenditures should be limited to specific type of improvements and to authorize reimbursement to the Little League.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to approve cost reimbursement for site improvements and/or field preparation, including fencing, irrigation system, turf materials, not to exceed the appropriated amount of \$50,000 per site. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

For Mr. Mark Prouty, President of Central Torrance Little League, 1104 Cranbrook Avenue, clarification was provided with regard to the motion.

11. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS

11a. LEVY ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS FOR STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 17 AND APPROVAL OF STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning Director that the City Council adopt the Resolution to levy assessment amounts for Street Lighting District No. 17 for the 20th Assessment Year and approval of the Street Lighting District Budget for FY 1996-97.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF THE TWENTY-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1996 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1997, PURSUANT TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 77-133 ORDERING CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AND EMPOWERING SAID TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTION OF SAID ASSESSMENTS FOR THE NINETEENTH YEAR.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-88. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

As discussions continue with the consultant as it relates to future funding options and as information is obtained through the feasibility study, Mayor Hardison, echoed by Councilman Lee, requested that such information be transmitted to the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee for review in order to assist in the compilation of a formal recommendation to the City Council.

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13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE CITY'S CONSTRUCTION CODES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Building and Safety Director that the City Council hear the reading of the 1994 Edition of the Uniform Building Code, Volumes 1, 2, & 3, 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, and the date of August 27, 1996, be set for public hearing for the adoption of the Codes.

Building and Safety Director Isomoto briefly reviewed the proposed recommendation.

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

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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 that August 27, 1996, be set for public hearing for the adoption of the Codes and to hear the reading of Ordinance No. 3427 as amended. Councilman Messerlian seconded the motion and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

13b. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE 1994 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fire Chief that the City Council have the City Clerk read into the record at tonight's meeting the title of the proposed adopting ordinance, and the titles of the codes to be adopted by reference, as amended, for the update of the Fire Code of the City of Torrance, as required by State Law.

It is further recommended that a public hearing be set for August 27, 1996, for Council consideration and formal adoption, by reference, of the 1994 Edition of the Uniform Fire Code, with local amendments.

ORDINANCE NO. 3428

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY 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

Fire Chief Adams provided a brief overview of the staff report (as per written material of record).

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved that August 27, 1996, be set for public hearing for the adoption of the Codes and to hear the reading of Ordinance No. 3428 as amended. Councilman Walker seconded the motion and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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13c. JOSLYN FINE ARTS GALLERY EXHIBITION POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission and the Director of General Services that the City Council concur with policy changes to ensure consistent quality exhibitions and make directed multidisciplinary programs possible.

In an effort to ensure consistency in the quality of presentations at the Gallery, Director of General Services Tilden highlighted the proposed policy changes. He advised that staff has met with artists and community groups that currently exhibit at the Gallery and advised that both entities have expressed concurrence with the proposed changes, noting that such consistency would allow better opportunities to seek grant funding and to provide multidisciplinary events. In response to Mayor Hardison, Mr. Tilden advised that the proposed policy changes are as a result of the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) Grant, noting that the MAP identified the inconsistency in the quality of exhibitions as a weakness and that any other proposed changes most of which are physical improvements to the facility and to the structure of the exhibit program, as indicated in the Commission minutes, will be forwarded to the City Council for review.

Viewing the proposed policy changes as ones which will benefit the Gallery, Councilman Messerlian commended staff and the Cultural Arts Commission and offered the following motion:

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to concur with the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

13d. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council concur with the committee appointments made to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, the Municipal Area Express (MAX) Policy Steering Committee, and the Los Angeles Division of the League of California Cities.

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Los Angeles County Sanitation district
Dee Hardison, Voting Delegate
Don Lee, Alternate

Municipal Area Express (MAX)
Maureen O'Donnell, Chair
Jack Messerlian, Alternate

League of California Cities - Los Angeles Division
George Nakano, Voting Delegate
Dee Hardison, Alternate

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mayor Hardison requested that letters be prepared to the appropriate agencies apprising them of the appointments.

13e. ADOPTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND UNILATERAL RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council adopt Memorandum of Understanding (Resolution) setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for Crossing Guard employees.

It is further recommended that the City Council unilaterally adopt Resolutions extending hours, wages, and working conditions for the following City employee representation units:

Engineers
Torrance Fiscal Employees Association
Torrance Library Employees Association
Torrance Municipal Employees - AFSCME , Local 1117
Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association

(Discussed during Executive Session; see pages 12- 15.)

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13f. STAND-BY LETTER OF CREDIT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance Director that the City Council approve the supplemental bond agreements which allow the stand-by letter of credit from Fuji Bank to be replaced by a stand-by letter of credit from Chemical Bank.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-89

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO THE MAY 1, 1992, INDENTURE, THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO THE SEPTEMBER 1, 1992, INDENTURE AND THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AGREEMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 1, 1992, LOAN AGREEMENT AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS (LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL-TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER), SERIES 1992

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-89. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

14. HEARINGS

14a. TTM 51753 - ZON 95-0002 (EASE 95-0008): DAN E. BUTCHER

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning Director that the City Council reschedule this item for consideration at the September 17, 1996, meeting. It was noted that to ensure that interested parties are aware of this change, the case would be readvertised.

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MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved that this item be postponed to a time uncertain until the developer is fully prepared to proceed with his request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

At 7:35 P.M., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 7:38 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. In light of the recent power outage, Councilman Messerlian, having been outside of the City perimeter, commended the City's Police Department on a job well done in controlling the situation.

Appreciating Councilman Messerlian's commendation, Police Chief De Ladurantey as well recognized associated efforts from Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia and the Street Department.

19b. Referencing a recent City Council Workshop with regard to Residential Care Facilities, Mayor Hardison provided a brief status as to the progress of the Kopp Bill; commented on federal legislation which addresses some issues that would be important to the City with regard to this matter; and requested that a formal agenda item be prepared in support of these two pieces of legislation. No objection was noted with Councilman Walker supporting the suggestion as long as it does not preclude addressing the primary issues of concern raised by the residents at this particular workshop.

19c. Mr. and Mrs. Doug and Kim Nolan, 16665 S. Van Ness Avenue, apprised the Council members of problems they are experiencing with the overuse/misuse of the Lincoln Middle School field by soccer players. It was requested that some hour restrictions as to the use of the field be imposed.

City Manager Jackson advised that Management Assistant Scharfman has been in contact with the Torrance Unified School District with regard to the noted concerns. It was suggested that the matter be added to the agenda of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee joint meeting with the TUSD on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, 4:30 P.M., at the TUSD office.

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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," 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(c), and 54956.8.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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At 7:47 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to Chambers at 9:14 P.M. The following action was taken during open session:

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Assistant to the City Manager Keane noted that the City has been in contract negotiations with various employee organizations since March 1996. Since that time, the City Council has approved new contracts for the Firefighters Association, Mid-Management Association, approved salary resolutions covering department heads and other executives, non-represented employees, and full-time and part-time Recreation employees. She advised that the Police Association is in the third year of a three-year agreement and that the City Council has approved a supplemental resolution setting the third year into motion; that the Council has awarded pay increases for nearly 700 City employees; that those pay increases encompass, for the most part, a one-year agreement; and that the City continues to meet, in good faith, with the remaining employee organizations.

It was recommended that the City Council adopt a Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance Crossing Guard employees for one year for a 1.9% pay increase, effective by the August 13, 1996, pay period. In addition, it is being recommended that the City Council adopt resolutions extending hours,

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wages, and working conditions (for two additional weeks) for the following employee representation units:

Engineers

Torrance Fiscal Employees Association

Torrance Library Employees Association

Torrance Municipal Employees - AFSCME, Local 1117

Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association

RESOLUTION NO. 96-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 13, 1996 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1997

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

RESOLUTION NO. 96-91

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

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-91. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-92

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

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-92. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-93

A 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. 96-93. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-94

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. 96-94. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-95

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

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-95. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

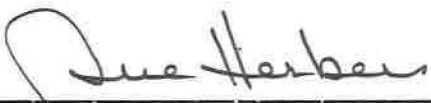
City Manager Jackson noted that the approved package for the Crossing Guard employees is consistent with previously approved employee agreements (1.9% CPI adjustment to base pay and 1.0% package January 1997 – combined package of 2.9%); and that remaining negotiations are dealing with that basic package plus other benefits which are under discussion.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Wednesday, August 14, 1996, at 11:30 A.M., at the Civic Center Library Meeting Room to conduct a joint meeting with the Library Commission. (Next regularly scheduled meeting will Tuesday, August 20, 1996, at 5:30 P.M. to conduct an Executive Session with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.)



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance