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...Adjourned in the memories of  
**Mr. Dick Huey, Mr. Herbie Albright, and Mr. Robert Morton...**

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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 a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, at 5:32 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.

Considered at this time ...

**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), "Conference with Real Property Negotiator."

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

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Redevelopment Agency Executive Session

None.

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At 5:33 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to Chambers at 7:26 P.M. 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. Harvey Horwich.

Reverend John G. Sanders, Pacific View 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 Councilwoman Cribbs and 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

None.

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Mayor Hardison requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in the memories of Mr. Dick Huey, former City employee; Mr. Herbie Albright, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner; and Mr. Robert Morton, retired assistant superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District.

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**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**FINANCE & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, July 23, 1996, 5:30 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Visitors' Bureau/Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

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

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

Tuesday, August 27, 1996, 5:30 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Cultural Arts Center Business Plan

**CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE**

Monday, August 5, 1996, 5:30 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Wilson Park Master Plan

Mayor Hardison advised that supplemental material was available with regard to Agenda Item No. 13a (Street Tree Conservation Policy).

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. DISSOLUTION OF CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY AND SHREDDING OF MORTGAGE**

At this time, Mayor Hardison presented plaques of recognition to Civic Center Authority Members Horwich, Liddle, Nolte (Members Breiholz and Lambert not in attendance) and Mr. Horwich, President of the Authority, assisted the Mayor in the shredding of the City Hall mortgage.

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**Discussed out of order**

**8. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION**

**8a. DONATION FROM TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC. OF EIGHT PIECES OF WEIGHT EQUIPMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council accept the donation of eight pieces of Universal weight equipment from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett briefly reviewed the staff report.

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

Mr. Greg Willis, Vice President and Controller of Toyota Motor Sales, Inc., relayed Toyota's pleasure to have the opportunity to enhance the Torrance Plunge.

**Returned to regular agenda order**

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- May 7, 1996**

**7b. PURCHASE ORDER FOR TWO CASE BACKHOE/LOADERS, ONE CASE LOADER, AND ONE CASE WHEEL LOADER**

**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 \$243,750.44 (including sales tax) to Contractors Equipment Company, Anaheim, CA, for the sole source purchase of two (2) case backhoe/loaders, one (1) case loader, and one (1) case wheel loader.

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**7c. DONATION FROM THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL TO THE TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Torrance Youth Council that the City Council approve a \$5,000 donation from the Torrance Youth Council Donation fund to the Torrance Rose Float Association, and authorize the staff Liaison to issue a warrant on the Youth Council's behalf.

**7d. DONATION OF \$4,500 FROM TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL FOR MAKE\*A\*CIRCUS PERFORMANCE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Torrance Youth Council that the City Council approve and accept a \$4,500 donation from the Youth Council Donation Fund to sponsor a Make\*A\*Circus performance, and authorize the Finance Director to issue a warrant to Make\*A\*Circus.

**7e. AMENDMENT TO THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Personnel Director that the City Council approve the execution of the third amendment to the 1994-95 JTPA agreement with the City of Los Angeles. The amendment specifies a revision to the line item budget.

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

Councilwoman O'Donnell provided clarification with regard to Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7c and 7d and commended the Torrance Youth Council on its generous donations to the Rose Float Association and to Make\*A\*Circus.

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8. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION

8a. DONATION FROM TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.  
OF EIGHT PIECES OF WEIGHT EQUIPMENT

(discussed earlier; see page 4.)

9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS

9a. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR TWO STREET  
REHABILITATION PROJECTS (CRENSHAW BOULEVARD  
AND MAPLE AVENUE)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council appropriate a total of \$3,200,000 for design, construction, and contract administration; and authorize the Engineering Director to proceed with two street rehabilitation projects identified (Crenshaw Boulevard and Maple Avenue) in the 1995-98 Public Works Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 1996-97.

Engineering Director Burtt briefly reviewed staff's recommendation and advised that the rehabilitation project for the 190th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard intersection has been scheduled for next Spring.

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

9b. TENTATIVE ORDER FOR WASTE DISCHARGE  
REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL STORMWATER  
AND URBAN RUNOFF DISCHARGES WITHIN THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (NPDES)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council take the position in opposition to adoption of a Tentative Order for "Waste Discharge

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Requirements for Municipal Stormwater and Urban Runoff Discharges within the County of Los Angeles (NPDES) because of the considerable cost impact on the City as a result of this unfunded mandate, the lack of clear definition of the proposed NPDES mitigation programs and the indeterminate cost for implementing new compliance measures.

Because of the need for the City Council to take action with regard to this issue, Mayor Hardison apologized to her fellow Council members for the lateness of this item.

While reviewing the staff report (of record), Engineering Director Burt advised that the City had retained the consulting services of Mr. Robert Collacott of Woodward-Clyde Consultants; that his analysis of the Tentative Permit indicated that the proposed process would have significant compliance requirements/impacts on the City, such as:

- initial cost (\$300,000) – additional staffing/associated funding and implementation expenditures;
- development of new requirements/programs/studies which may require future action but at this point in time cannot be quantified;

Engineering Director Burt apprised the Council members of unmandated measures which have been undertaken by the City over the past five to six years to ensure such as a street sweeping program, clean and stencil catch basin, etc. Mr. Burt reviewed the telephone survey, conducted by the County of Los Angeles, to determine whether or not the co-permittees (cities) support the Tentative Permit, noting the following results: 41% no opinion; 35% no response; 8% in support; and 15% in opposition.

In response to Mayor Hardison, Mr. Burt advised that staff has not received any information with regard to cost analysis. Considering the unanswered questions with regard to future studies resulting in additional direction from the Regional Water Quality Control Board and associated financial obligations to the City, Mayor Hardison relayed her concerns and voiced her objection to supporting the Tentative Permit at this point in time.

Although concerned about the associated costs, Councilman Walker viewed the noted amount as nominal considering the impact it will have on the Santa Monica Bay; commented on the urgency to clean-up the Santa Monica Bay; and noted that it is incumbent as well as the City's responsibility to work

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with the Regional Water Quality Control Board in an effort to clean up of the Santa Monica Bay.

Echoing Councilman Walker's concern as to the status of the Santa Monica Bay, Councilwoman O'Donnell expressed her reluctance to vote in support of the Tentative Permit considering the lack of details and potential impact this Permit may have on the City and commented positively on those unmandated measures currently undertaken by the City to ensure its responsibility in terms of the drain system.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to oppose the order and to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board on behalf of the City Council, reflecting the City's concerns. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee. (Prior to voting on this motion, Councilman Walker offered a **Substitute Motion**; the originally made motion ultimately passed; see below).

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Councilman Walker moved to accept the Tentative Permit subject to modifications and certain provisions as delineated in the consultant's report. (This motion died for lack of a second.)

At this time roll call vote on the originally made motion reflected approval with the exception of Councilman Walker who voted no.

Mayor Hardison thanked and expressed appreciation to Engineering Director Burt, Engineering Department staff, and the consultant for their expediency with regard to this issue.

### 13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### 13a. **STREET TREE CONSERVATION POLICY DURING CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR ON CITY PROPERTY AND STREETS**

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Streetscape Team that the City Council review and comment on the street tree conservation policy and make modifications as appropriate; adopt the street tree conservation policy for the City; and direct staff regarding its implementation.

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**City Manager's Note:**

The City Manager recommends that the City Council explore the idea of a fee off-set for repairs to sidewalks that are made subsequent to significant reconstruction or in the case of new sidewalks.

By way of overheads, Principal Planner Bluman reviewed the proposed policy.

Noting that the size of the replacement tree has been increased from 15 gallon to 24" box tree, City Manager Jackson advised that this increase in size will have a cost factor on the policy. He briefly reviewed the City Manager's note to explore the idea of a fee off-set (see above), advising that more information with regard to fee off-set would be provided to the City Council at a later date.

Councilman Messerlian thanked the Streetscape Team for its efforts in completing this policy. In response to Mr. Messerlian, Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia noted that complaints received with regard to the retention or elimination of trees varies from resident to resident.

Viewing streetscape as a very important asset to the City, Mayor Hardison noted that the proposed policy permits the preservation of trees as well as the restoration of sidewalks and, therefore, spoke in support of the policy; stated that the larger replacement trees may create more of a pride of ownership for the residents; and advised that the watering of these trees would have to be addressed with the residents.

Mr. Bliss Lamb, 18727 Haas Avenue, commented on the destruction the trees, in his particular neighborhood, have caused to the sidewalks/driveways and referenced his written communication (previously sent to various City Departments with regard to this problem).

For Mr. Lamb, Division Engineer Bell noted that Mr. Lamb's area will be reconstructed this year; that construction should commence by September; and that impacted residents would be apprised.

Mayor Hardison, for Mr. Lamb, stated that she would keep him apprised of the progress.

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

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Mayor Hardison extended appreciation to the Streetscape Team, Engineering Director Burtt, and Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia for their associated efforts

**13b. MEMORANDUMS OF INTENT FOR VARIOUS CITY EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION UNITS**

Discussed during Executive Session; see pages 1-2 and 12.

**13c. SUBVENTION REIMBURSEMENT FOR POLICE FOOT PATROL SERVICES AT DEL AMO FASHION CENTER**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The City Manager recommends that the Council approve a subvention reimbursement in the amount of \$211,382 from fiscal year 1995-96 sales tax revenues for Police foot patrol services at Del Amo Fashion Center for the period July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1995.

Assistant City Manager Giordano briefly reviewed the recommendation.

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

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At 8:48 P.M., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:51 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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**19. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

**19a.** City Manager Jackson commented on the successful Fourth of July Celebration. Echoing Mr. Jackson's comments, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett expressed appreciation to the various supporting departments as well as the Parks and Recreation Department staff for making the Fourth of July Celebration another successful one. Mr. Barnett apprised the Council members of favorable comments that have been received with regard to this year's fireworks show.

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**19b.** Councilman Lee echoed favorable comments made with regard to the fireworks show. Mr. Lee commented on the Home Depot displays that are creating some parking lot obstruction. City Manager Jackson noted that staff would review the matter.

**19c.** Also commenting favorably on this year's fireworks show, Councilman Nakano relayed his observation of the use of illegal fireworks in residential neighborhoods and stated that the residents may need to be reminded that fireworks are illegal in the City of Torrance.

**19d.** Councilman Nakano informed the Council members that Southern California Association of Government will be hosting the Congressional Leadership Summit on Monday, August 19, 1996, noting that Congresswoman Harman will be in attendance.

**19e.** Councilwoman O'Donnell echoed those comments made with regard to the fireworks show but apprised staff that she had received several complaints from neighboring residents to Wilson Park with regard to blocking driveways, trash, etc.

**19f.** Councilman Walker fondly remembered Mr. Herbie Albright, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

**19g.** Mayor Hardison briefly referenced her written communication with regard to Masada Group Home and requested that the Council conduct a workshop with regard to such residential care facilities in order to resolve some apparent miscommunications. There being no objection, a workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 1996. Councilman Lee suggested that this particular workshop be televised on CitiCable.

**19h.** Mrs. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, thanked Mobil Oil Corporation for its \$2,500 grant to the Friends of Madrona Marsh; and apprised the Council members of upcoming Madrona Marsh activities such as the Summer Science Camp and the Night Walk.

**19i.** For Mayor Hardison, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett advised that the installation of the irrigation system at the Madrona Marsh is a cooperative effort between the City and a State grant.

**19j.** By way of written communication (copies provided to the Council members), Ms. Lois LaRue, 3136 Barkentine Road, Rancho Palo Verdes, apprised the Council members of a problem her friend encountered with the Torrance Police Department. Mayor Hardison requested that City Attorney Fellows and Police Captain Dane discuss the matter with Ms. LaRue.

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:17 P.M., Council resumed its consideration of executive session matters, read earlier in the meeting (see pages 1-2). Members returned to Chambers at 11:13 P.M. No formal action was taken following this executive session.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:14 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, July 16, 1996, 7:00 P.M.

**... Adjourned in the memories of Mr. Dick Huey, Mr. Herbie Albright,  
and Mr. Robert Morton ...**

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance