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...Adjourned in the memories of
Lynn Popovich and Mildred Hitchcock-Dudley ...

Michaela A. Ballreich
Minute Secretary

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council reconvened its a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 1996, at 7:07 P.M., in the Council Chamber of Torrance City Hall, after conducting an Electric Deregulation Workshop.

ROLL CALL

(Previously done.)

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Beach Cities Cadet Squadron No. 107.

The City Clerk 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.

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4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

It was requested that Item 14a (Dan E. Butcher) be withdrawn and continued to the July 16, 1996, City Council meeting.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT

Monday, June 24, 1996, 5:30 P.M.
Third Floor Assembly Room
Subject: Continued Wilson Park Master Plan

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

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES
AND COACHES

With great pleasure, Mayor Hardison welcomed and individually recognized, by way of letter, the Special Olympics Athletes and Coaches.

In appreciation of their participation, Mayor Hardison presented letters of appreciation to Police Chief De Ladurantey for those Police Officers who participated in the Olympic Torch Run.

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6b. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 16-23, 1996, AS SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Special Olympics Coach Mari Yamasaki.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- APRIL 23, 1996

7b. PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PROVISION OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 LINEAR FEET OF CURB AND GUTTER REMOVAL AND RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CITY STREETS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Director of Street Services that the City Council authorize a purchase order to LGT Enterprises of Tustin, California, for the provision of approximately 2,000 linear feet of curb and gutter removal and reconstruction of various City streets, in the anticipated amount of \$37,840.00 plus a 10% contingency, for a total amount of \$41,624.00.

7c. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR READY-MIX CONCRETE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Director of Street Services that the City Council authorize purchase orders for the annual requirement of ready-mix concrete Class "A" and Class "C" and Slurry Mix to Standard Concrete Products, Inc. of Santa Ana, California, in the anticipated amount of \$185,144.31, and award a secondary purchase order to A & A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. of Newport Beach, California, in the anticipated amount of \$187,072.24.

7d. PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF SLURRY SEAL, DELIVERED AND APPLIED TO VARIOUS STREETS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Director of Street Services that the City Council authorize a purchase order for the annual requirement of slurry seal to Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc., of Santa Fe Springs, California, delivered and applied to various streets throughout the City, in the anticipated amount of \$79,800.00 (ref: Bid No. B96-17).

7e. AWARD OF CONTRACT AND APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WALTERIA AND CALLE MAYOR PUMP STATIONS (B96-09)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council award a contract to Nationwide Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,353,727.79 and reject all other bids; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to said contract on behalf of the City; and allocate an additional \$100,000 to fully fund the construction of Walteria and Calle Mayor Pump Stations.

7f. AGREEMENT WITH THE DAILY BREEZE FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Clerk that the City Council accept the proposal and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest a contract with the Daily Breeze for legal advertising for the fiscal year 1996-97.

7g. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATION OF FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council approve an amendment to the Public Works Capital Improvement Program and appropriate \$200,000 from Proposition C Funds (Local Return) for the Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from Lomita Boulevard to south of Skypark Drive.

7h. PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF AN UPGRADED RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM

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 \$312,351.78, with a 10% contingency of \$31,235.18 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc., El Segundo, CA, for the Cooperative Purchase of an upgraded radio system for the Torrance Transit System (Ref: Los Angeles County Contract #53875).

7i. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ADVANCED FARE PAYMENT AND VEHICLE MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR TORRANCE BUSES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Fleet Services Director that the City Council award a purchase order contract to Echelon Industries, Inc. for the manufacture of advanced fare payment and vehicle management equipment for Torrance and Municipal Area Express buses in an amount not to exceed \$414,800 in Proposition A Local Return and Federal Transit Administration funds.

7j. PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO BRUSH CHIPPERS AS "SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY" WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Director of General Services and the Street Services Director that the City Council authorize a purchase order to Vermeer California of Fontana, California, in the amount of \$334,272.77 for the purchase of two (2) model 1250 brush chippers as a "Special Opportunity" purchase with the City of Pasadena and approve an appropriation from the General Fund Fiscal Year 1995-96 budget carryover designated for capital projects in the amount of \$34,272.77 (including sales tax) for the purchase.

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

9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS

9a. APPROPRIATION FOR CALIFORNIA USE OIL RECYCLING GRANT FOR 1996-97

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Street Services Director that the City Council approve an appropriation of grant funds for the continuation of the City's used oil recycling program in the amount of \$46,596.

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

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. BANNERS FOR ACURA WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council consider a request from American Honda to place event banners in certain City rights-of-way from July 22 through August 19, 1996.

By way of a color rendering (submitted to the City Council for viewing), Assistant to City Manager Sunshine briefly reviewed the request.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

13b. AIRPORT ASSOCIATION LAWSUIT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Attorney that the City Council approve the retention of Richards, Watson, Gershon to defend the suit and appropriate \$200,000 from the Airport Fund to cover the initial cost of defense.

Referencing the City Charter, Article XV, Mr. Jim Gates, 142 Via Pasqual, stated that all fees, rental charges, proceeds, etc. received from the sale of property and other revenues received by the City from or in connection with the use or operation of any airport facility shall be placed into the Airport Fund. He briefly commented on the impacts the 1995-96 budget (elimination of night shift) has had on the Airport; stated that the California Pilots' Association and Torrance Airport Association believe that the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Airport Fund is not appropriate and should not be approved by the City Council; and noted that monies in the Airport Fund shall be used only for the following purposes:

- pay off bonds
- operation/maintenance
- Capital Improvements

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

13c. SELECTION OF THE CITY'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1996, 97, AND 1998

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that the City Council, as a whole, concur with the recommendation that the Certified Public Accounting Auditing firm of KPMG Peat Marwick be selected to provide external auditing services to the City for fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998.

Councilman Lee, Chairman of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee, briefly reviewed the request.

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

14. HEARINGS

14a. TTM 51753, ZON 94-0002 (EAS 94-0008): DAN E. BUTCHER

For Ms. Laura Brown, 3855 Paseo de Las Tortugas, Planning Director Ferren advised that, if the continuance were approved, the matter would be readvertised and that any associated cost would be borne by the developer.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to continue this hearing to the July 16, 1996, City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Discussed out of order ...

**14c. INCREASE VEHICLE IMPOUND FEE FROM \$21 TO \$72
PER IMPOUND**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Police Chief that the City Council authorize a new single impound fee of \$72 and adopt a resolution establishing the \$72 fee.

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on City Council consideration to Increase Vehicle Impound Fee from \$21 to \$72 per Impound.

Reviewing the staff report (as per written material), Police Chief De Ladurantey advised that California Vehicle Code Section 22850.5(a) gives the City Council the authority to recover costs associated with vehicle impounds.

Questioning the 55% administrative overhead reflected in the proposed increase, Councilman Walker stated that he could only support the proposed increase to those driving with an expired/suspended license or those in violation of other criminal activities. Police Sgt. Rizzo advised that a car may be impounded for the following reasons:

- driving with an expired and/or no license;
- subject to arrest for other criminal violations;
- expired registration in excess of one year;
- violation of 72-hour parking.

Speaking in support of the proposed \$72 impound fee, Councilwoman Cribbs suggested, in an effort for the City to recover its associated costs, that the recovery cost be noted in the RFP and that possibly a lien be attached to the vehicle in the event it were sold.

Voicing no objection to impounding a vehicle as it pertains to those individuals driving without a valid license and/or criminal violations, Mayor Hardison expressed some reluctance to immediately towing a vehicle as it relates to vehicle registration and/or the 72-hour parking violation to which Sgt. Rizzo advised that vehicles in violation of the 72-hour parking are not immediately towed; and that ample warning cards are issued, giving the owner an opportunity to resolve the issue prior to towing.

Sgt. Rizzo advised that for the last quarter of 1995, approximately 95% of the vehicles impounded were as a result of unlicensed/suspended drivers license and criminal activities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 96-51

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE INCREASING THE
FEE FOR RELEASING IMPOUNDED VEHICLES
BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM \$21.00
TO \$72.00**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-51. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Returned to regular agenda order ...

**14b. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY MANAGER'S
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council offer the opportunity for additional public input and discussion and schedule the second public hearing for Tuesday, June 25, 1996, as part of the Council meeting that evening.

Mayor Hardison noted that this was the time and place for a public hearing on City Council consideration of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1996-97.

By way of overheads (of record), Finance Director Tsao reviewed the proposed 1996-97 Budget (second year of a two-year budget) and provided clarification with regard to the recommended budget adjustments.

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For Councilman Lee, City Manager Jackson advised that the Proposition C Transit Money of \$400,000 (recommended Budget Adjustments) is in addition to what has already been approved for the Capital Improvement Plan.

For Mr. Frank Rizzardi, 23544 Carlow Road, City Manager Jackson explained the proposed increase of 3% in charges for services (service fee revisions), advising that this is an incremental adjustment versus a substantial increase to offset associated costs to the City.

Viewing a City Budget as an outline of priorities, Mr. Howard Sachar, 208 S. Catalina, Redondo Beach, requested that Code Enforcement be raised on the City's list of priorities, advising that current Code Enforcement is inadequate and that two additional Environmental Officers should be hired.

Because he was unable to obtain a copy of the proposed Budget, Mr. Jim Gates, 204 Via Pasqual, advised that he will readdress the City Council at its June 25, 1996, meeting. He suggested that Budget information be made readily available to ensure the public ample time for review.

Viewing the retention of a full-time Naturalist as meeting one of the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan, Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, strongly encouraged the Council to retain the full-time employment of a City Naturalist.

Mayor Hardison clarified that this is the second year of a two-year budget and that, for the second year of this budget, the City has retained the full-time employment of a Naturalist.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to continue this hearing to the second public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 1996. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

14c. INCREASE VEHICLE IMPOUND FEE FROM \$21 TO 72
PER IMPOUND

(Discussed earlier; see pages 9 - 10).

At 8:08 P.M., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:09 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATION

19a. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that the Private Industry Council (PIC) is offering youth employment opportunities (ages 14 - 21) and advised that employers who are seeking such employment opportunities should contact PIC.

19b. Councilwoman O'Donnell informed the public that the City of Torrance recently donated its old and used computer equipment to the Torrance Unified School District.

19c. Councilwoman O'Donnell advised that the CORO Foundation for Public Affairs has selected two post graduate students to work in the Torrance Police Department.

19d. Mayor Hardison commended Mr. Harvey Horwich (Parks and Recreation Commissioner) on being selected as the "Distinguished Citizen" by the Chamber of Commerce.

19e. Ms. Norma Ginepra, 26206 Delos Drive, apprised the Council members of how the construction of a walkway, cement retaining wall, and a large deck at 26210 Delos Drive has detrimentally impacted her backyard view. She advised that this construction will negatively impact her property value and noted that she was not notified prior to the construction of these items. Ms. Ginepra requested that the hillside and her view be restored to its original state.

Planning Director Ferren informed the Council members that he has met with Ms. Ginepra; that since this meeting, he has been gathering information; and that an informational letter would be sent to Ms. Ginepra by the end of this week.

19f. By way of pictures, Ms. Shirley Turner commented on the Second Summer Series at the Madrona Marsh; invited the Council members and public to a Madrona Marsh Night Walk on June 28, 1996, as well as the Weekend Walk (fourth weekend of the month) on Saturday and Sunday.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor read the following statement into the record:

The 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 Real Property Negotiator."

Further detail on these matters is contained on the agenda cover.

A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.8.

Redevelopment Agency Executive Session

None.

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At 8:20 P.M., Council commenced its executive session, returning to Chambers at 9:38 P.M. There was no action taken following this session.

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21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:39 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to June 25, 1996, 5:30 P.M. to conduct an Executive Session with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M.

**... Adjourned in the memory of
Lynn Popovich and Mildred Hitchcock-Dudley ...**



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance