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*Adjourned in the memory of
... Mrs. Ventura Rodriguez ...*

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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, June 11, 1996, at 7:05 P.M., in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Cribbs*, Lee Messerlian, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker* and Mayor Hardison.
* Arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Absent: None.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Boy Scout Troop 310, Scoutmaster Bruce Maass.

Rev. Monsignor Michael Lenihan, Saint Lawrence Martyr Church led the invocation for the meeting.

3. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA/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, and it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (Council members Cribbs and Walker had not yet arrived.)

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

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motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian, and it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (Council members Cribbs and Walker had not yet arrived.)

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

Item 13d (Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for National League of Cities Conference) was deferred.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Citizen Development & Enrichment Committee

Gymnasium

June 24 - 5:30 P.M.

3rd Floor Assembly Room

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Cultural Arts Center Business Strategy

June 13, 4:30 P.M.

West Wing Commission Room

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Visitors Bureau/Cultural Arts Center Business Strategy

July 23 - 5:30 P.M.

3rd Floor Assembly Room

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The passing of Mrs. Ventura Rodriguez was noted by Mayor Hardison, who requested that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

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6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION HONORING STEVE CUMMINS

RESOLUTION NO. 96-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING STEVE CUMMINS
AS THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE
TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-46. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable, with the exception of Councilwoman O'Donnell, who voted no.

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

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6b. RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT M. POPENEY

RESOLUTION NO. 96-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING ROBERT M. POPENEY AS RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1996 J. WALKER OWENS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERISM AWARD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-47. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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

6c. RESOLUTION HONORING JEAN CLAWSON BABBITT

RESOLUTION NO. 96-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING JEAN CLAWSON BABBITT AS RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1996 GEORGE M. WHITTLESEY MEMORIAL AWARD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-48. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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

6d. RESOLUTION HONORING HARVEY HORWICH

RESOLUTION NO. 96-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING HARVEY HORWICH AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1996 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-49. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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

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6e. RECOGNITION OF VALEDICTORIANS FROM TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOLS

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Hardison individually recognized the students from Bishop Montgomery, North, South, West, and Torrance High Schools – honoring each Valedictorian with a Certificate of Recognition.

6f. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
GOING TO KASHIWA, JAPAN

Torrance Sister City Association President, May Cambra, introduced each of the student delegates and adult leader from South High School and California Academy of Math and Science who will participate in the 1996 Student Exchange Program with sister city Kashiwa, Japan. In addition, Torrance Sister City Association President Cambra introduced the teachers who will be teaching English in Kashiwa, Japan, for one year as part of the Student Exchange Program. Mayor Hardison, on behalf of the City Council, presented all the participants with City pins.

6g. PRESENTATION OF SOUTH BAY'S BEST PLAYGROUND AWARD

Voted "Best Playground" by the readers of the Daily Breeze, Mr. John Sweet, from the Marketing Services Department for the Daily Breeze, presented the award to Mayor Hardison which depicts Wilson Park as the winner of the award; and the Daily Breeze, on behalf of its readers, honored the efforts of Mayor Hardison and the City Council, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett and his Staff.

Mayor Hardison, on behalf of the City, proudly accepted the award.

6h. TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORT

Mr. Steve Cummins, outgoing President of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Manager Jackson for his excellent presentation of the City's Strategic Plan at the Chamber's breakfast meeting. With the aid of slides, Mr. Cummins provided a detailed presentation of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce third quarterly report for 1996 – proudly mentioning that the Chamber's quarterly magazine, Torrance Magazine, was named by the Western Association of Chamber Executives as the best Chamber publication in the state of California for the fifth consecutive year.

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7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. DONATION FOR "BEAT THE ODDS/ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL" HONOREES

RECOMMENDATION

The Torrance Youth Council is recommending that your Honorable Body approve a \$7,000 donation from the Youth Council Donation Fund to seven "Beat the Odds/Achievement Council" Honorees and authorize the Finance Director to issue the warrant.

7b. P.O. FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS CLEANING SUPPLIES AND PAPER GOODS

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of General Services and the Director of Fleet Services recommend that the City Council authorize purchase orders for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$154,186 to the vendors, which are listed in Staff's report (of record), for the purchase of the annual requirement for miscellaneous cleaning supplies and paper goods.

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

The City Council noted its concurrence with the City Manager's Note on Page 4 of Item No. 7a regarding future Grant assessments.

12. PERSONNEL MATTERS

12a. REVISION OF THE 1995/96 JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT OPERATIONAL PLAN/BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the PIC and the Personnel Manager that Your Honorable Body approve the revised 1995/1996 Operational Plan/Budget by appropriating \$372,652 in additional funds; subtracting \$43,958 from the 1995/1996 Title II A 5 percent Incentive grant appropriation; and moving \$1,445,000 from the 1995/1996 budget to the 1996/1997 budget.

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MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the Personnel Manager's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. CONTRACT WITH SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN URBAN TRAIL SYSTEM IN THE DEL AMO CENTER AREA

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Planning Director that the City Council authorize the execution of a contract with the South Coast Air Quality Management District for the development of a pedestrian urban trail system in the Del Amo Center area, using AB 2766 Discretionary Funds.

Transportation Planner Buchman provided an overview of the targeted areas for the proposed Pedestrian Urban Trail; explained that the consensus of an extensive/widespread survey has strongly reflected pedestrian traffic/access concerns through and around the Del Amo Center and business district; and noted that eventually, Staff will consider combining the pedestrian trails with bicycle access. Addressing Councilwomen Cribbs' and O'Donnell's concerns, Ms. Buchman supplied input concerning the cycle of signal synchronization.

Councilman Walker expressed his opposition to funding what he believed to be an ineffective and costly concept; and briefly addressed the modest use of the established Center's bike paths/system.

Because the Pedestrian Urban Trail Project proposes no plan to lengthen the cycle of signal synchronization for pedestrian traffic, Councilwoman O'Donnell noted that she would oppose the proposed project.

Councilman Lee stated that he believes the proposed project is a useful and environmentally sound amenity to the Del Amo Center/business district.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to approve Staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and carried by majority vote, as reflected by the following roll call vote:

- AYES:** Council members Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian,
Nakano and Mayor Hardison.
NOES: Council members O'Donnell and Walker.

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13b. **RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ZERO-BALANCE BANKING ACCOUNTS AND TO APPROVE AGREEMENTS FOR OVERNIGHT REPURCHASE SWEEP INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The agreements have been received and approved as to form by outside counsel, and the City Treasurer recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt the attached resolution in order to initiate banking services with Bank of America related to zero-balance bank accounts;
- 2) Approve the Cash Management Sweep and Repurchase agreements in order to implement a sweep investment service with Bank of America;
- 3) And authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest the agreements on behalf of the City.

City Treasurer Barnett provided clarification with respect to the fundamental elements/purpose of the Zero Balanced Accounts and Sweep Investment Service at Bank of America.

The Mayor asked City Clerk Herbers to read number and title to ...

RESOLUTION NO. 96-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE BANK OF AMERICA TO CREATE A CONCENTRATION ACCOUNT AND SEVERAL ZERO-BALANCED ACCOUNTS FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Messerian moved to approve the Cash Management Sweep and Repurchase agreements, as recommended by City Treasurer Barnett. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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13c. PERS CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATION

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve the PERS "two-year service credit" in concept for a limited number of City positions at a total cost not to exceed \$94,000.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with Staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

13d. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE

Previously withdrawn; see Page No. 2, Item No. 4.

14. HEARINGS

14a. 1996-97 OPERATING BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the public hearing on the 1996-1997 City budget be opened and continued to June 18, 1996.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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At 8:18 P.M., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 8:20 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

18a. ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

With regard to Torrance Airport Association versus City of Torrance, LASC Case No. BC151192, City Attorney Fellows explained the rules of the Brown Act and its exception for items which appear after the posting of the agenda, Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), two-thirds vote.

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MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to include this item on this evening's agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. Councilman Walker wished happy 20th wedding anniversary to his wife, Sandy. Mayor Hardison wished the Walkers a happy anniversary.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

20a. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

The Mayor 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 Real Property negotiator."

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

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At 8:25 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to Chambers at 9:35 P.M. No formal action was taken following this executive session.

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21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:35 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to June 18, 1996, 5:30 P.M.

*Adjourned in the memory of
... Mrs. Ventura Rodriguez ..*



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

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