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*Adjourned in the memories of
... Rev. David Harada and Dr. Rodney Stetson ...*

Valerie Whippie
Minute Secretary

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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 an adjourned regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at 7:04 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.

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 Beach Cities Cadet Squadron #107.

Father John O'Byrne, St. Catherine Laboure Church, led the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison announced the passing of Rev. David Harada and Dr. Rodney Stetson and requested that this meeting be adjourned in their memories.

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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 Councilwoman Cribbs and it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

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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 it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Ad hoc Rose Float Committee
1997 Rose Float Design
Met this date.

City Council Workshop Session
Review of City Manager's Proposed Adjustments to
the 1996-97 Budget Plan
May 7, 5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers

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Mayor Hardison noted that the Torrance Artists Guild had recently presented the City with a check for \$1,000 to the Cultural Arts Foundation, to be used for the Joslyn Gallery. Also noted by the Mayor was a certificate of appreciation to the City from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program [RSVP].

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6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION** recognizing the month of April 1996 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the City of Torrance.

So proclaimed by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Dr. Robert Laffey, President, Exchange Club of South Bay.

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6b. **RECOGNITION OF BISHOP MONTGOMERY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM**

Members of the Bishop Montgomery High School Girls' Basketball Team, CIF Champions, were introduced by Mayor Hardison and presented with certificates of recognition.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 12, 1996.**

7b. **FINAL PAYMENT FOR WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT IN NORTH TORRANCE**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council accept the work and authorize final payment to the contractor, Engineered Plumbing, Inc., for the Water Main Replacement 1995-96 (C95-69) in North Torrance.

7c. **MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT - NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign an Agreement that enters the City into a multi-jurisdictional consortium evaluating the effectiveness of various storm drain catch basin designs and that \$8,000 in previously appropriated drainage improvement funds be used to meet the City's financial obligation to the consortium.

7d. **REJECTION OF BIDS TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Street Services Director that the City Council reject the bids received to provide security services at the City Services Facility for a period of one year.

7e. **PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

Considered separately; see page 4.

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7f. **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WATER DIVISION OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

Considered separately; see below.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7d [Items 7e and 7f were considered separately; see below.] Councilman Walker seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval following roll call vote.

Consent Calendar Items considered separately ...

7e. **PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that the City Council as a whole, concur with the Engineering Director's recommendation that the consulting firm of Harris and Associates be retained to provide professional project management and administration instructional services to the Engineering Department and that \$29,991 be appropriated (\$15,000 Sewer Fund and \$14,991 Water Fund) to fund the program.

Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee position was presented by Mrs. Cribbs. Engineering Director Burt provided additional expansion and clarification.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with Consent Calendar Item 7e. Councilwoman O'Donnell seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval following roll call vote.

7f. **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WATER DIVISIONS OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that the City Council as a whole, concur with the Engineering Director's recommendation to retain the Saga Consulting Group for

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services in the implementation of Phase Two Organizational Development for the Water Divisions of the Engineering Department and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$55,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund to finance the Program.

Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee position was presented by Mrs. Cribbs. Engineering Director Burtt provided additional expansion and clarification.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with Consent Calendar Item 7f. Councilwoman O'Donnell seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval following roll call vote.

8. **LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS**

8a. **LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK, BEACH AND RECREATION ACT OF 1996**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council support efforts to place the Los Angeles County Park, Beach and Recreation Act of 1996 initiative on the November 1996 ballot and formally endorse by resolution this initiative and those projects specified therein as they will appear on the ballot.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett offered a summary of the nature of this matter and responded to inquiries. Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, lent her support toward pending action and submitted a letter for the record from the Friends of the Madrona Marsh [March 22, 1996.]

RESOLUTION NO. 96-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK, BEACH AND RECREATION ACT OF 1996

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

9a. **OFFICIAL MAP NO. 2 - SURVEY OF TORRANCE AIRPORT (ZAMPERINI FIELD)**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council approve Official Map No. 2 and the Resolution on the map for the Survey of the Torrance Airport (Zamperini Field) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the map for recordation with the County.

Clarification was provided by the Engineering Director.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the recommendation of the Engineering Director. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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At 7:38 P.M., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, for the purpose of considering Council Item 11a. and Agency Item 4a., together [see Agency minutes of this date.] The meeting of the Agency was adjourned at 7:42 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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11. **PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

11a. **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 1994-95**
[Companion to Agency Item 4a]

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by Redevelopment staff that the City Council accept the Redevelopment Agency's Annual Report for FY 1994-95, including the Independent Auditors' Report on Financial Statements and Compliance.

A brief recap of Redevelopment Agency activity during FY 1994-95, particularly in the Downtown area, was provided by Senior Principal Planner Bihn.

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MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the recommendation of Redevelopment staff for *Agency Item 4a* and *Council Item 11a*. Councilman Nakano seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

11b. **REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT**

This Item was briefed by Transportation Planner Buchman, who responded to related inquiries.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-26. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATES**

Considered following tonight's executive session; see page 9.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

18a. **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Background information was provided by Assistant City Attorney Quale, who noted that executive session issues had arisen since the posting of the agenda and that if the City Council wished to consider these issues, it would need to take formal action in order to do so, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2.

Councilman Lee **SO MOVED**. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable [see Item 20a.]

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilman Nakano requested that staff provide information concerning the Palos Verdes fault, the subject of a recent article in *The Daily Breeze*.

19b. Councilman Nakano referenced recent correspondence involving the Southern California Association of Governments [SCAG] and noted that he had requested a meeting with SCAG, in order to resolve a conflict which has arisen.

19c. Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, discussed upcoming Mardona Marsh events.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Hardison read the following statement into the record:

The Council will now recess to closed session to confer with legal counsel and/or the City Manager on those agenda matters listed under Item 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 addendum item.

Redevelopment Agency Executive Session

None.

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

At 7:50 P.M., following a brief recess, Council commenced its executive session, returning to Chambers at 8:43 P.M. Action taken following this executive session is shown on page 9.

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Consideration returned to ...

13a. **ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATES**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Land Management Team that the City Council approve both certificates [one for Real Property Resources, Inc. for the Airport Plaza Shopping Center located at the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway; the other for South End Racquet and Health Club, 2800 Skypark Drive]. Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and to attest them on behalf of the City.

Clarification was provided by the Executive Officer of the Land Management Team. A representative from Real Property Resources, Inc., provided additional expansion and clarification.

Mrs. Cribbs **MOVED** to concur with the recommendation of the the Land Management Team, **amending** the certificate for **Real Property Resources, Inc.**, to include the payment of the April rent and the payment of the accrued interest on the loan to the City [due March 31, 1996] prior to executing the certificate. Councilman Lee seconded this motion, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.


21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:46 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to April 23, 1996, 6:00 P.M. [Commissioners' Reception.] Regular business to commence at 7:00 P.M.

*Adjourned in the memories of
... Rev. David Harada and Dr. Rodney Stetson ...*

Valerie Whippie
Minute Secretary

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance