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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, February 27, 1996, at 5:35 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.

Considered out of order . . .

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation. Further detail on these matters is contained on the agenda covers.**

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

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At 5:36 P.M., Council commenced its executive session, returning to Chambers at 7:07 P.M. No formal action was taken at this time and consideration of executive session matters was resumed at the end of the meeting.

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Previously taken.

2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Flag salute was led by Mr. Ken DiNoto.

Rabbi Yisroel Hecht, Chabad of South Bay, 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 Councilwoman Cribbs and 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 it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

Items 7c [P.O. for Tow Vehicle for Hazardous Materials Trailer] and 7f [Data Re-entry for Police Department Records Management System] were withdrawn from tonight's agenda, to be considered at a later date.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

None.

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Matters pertaining to the upcoming Municipal Election were addressed by the City Clerk.

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6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PROCLAMATION declaring March as "*Women's History Month*" in the City of Torrance.

*So proclaimed* by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Arnold Woo, President of the Torrance Historical Society, South High School student Haley Burman and her South High teacher, Diane Yetter.

6b. PRESENTATION BY THE SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S

A brochure on unity was presented to the Mayor by Ms. Teresa Langness of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's of Torrance.

6c. ADOPT-A-COP PROGRAM

Students, and teachers of Carr Elementary School and Torrance Elementary School and Torrance police officers participating in the Adopt-A-Cop Program at the Torrance Unified School District were introduced and acknowledged with certificates of participation. The Program was lauded by Police Chief De Ladurantey who noted that it has been recognized by the State Attorney General's Office as the Crime Prevention Program of the Year.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None available.

7b. AGREEMENT AND FUNDS FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR TORRANCE BOULEVARD

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council approve an Agreement with Dalcin Cummins Associates for design services for an amount not to exceed \$94,500; and allocate \$94,500 from previously appropriated Gas Tax funds for the design of Torrance Boulevard South Roadway between Western and Sartori Avenues.

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7c. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR TOW VEHICLE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAILER**

Withdrawn; see page 2.

7d. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 1996**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Treasurer that the City Council receive the investment reports [of record] for information only.

7e. **FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR - FIRE STATION 3**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Fire Chief that the City Council reallocate \$8,079.69 from the completed Fire Station #11 Parking Lot capital project to help finance the completion of infrastructure repairs at Fire Station #3.

7f. **DATA RE-ENTRY FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Withdrawn; see page 2.

7g. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR SEDANS AND PICKUPS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Fleet Services Director that the City Council authorize purchase orders be issued to the State of California in the amount of \$8,936 as a service charge to use their contracts and to the vendors listed in material of record, in the amounts shown, for the purchase of fourteen sedans and thirty nine pickups as a Cooperative Purchase with the State of California. [Ref. State Contracts #1-96-23-20 & #1-96-23-10. Anticipated expenditure: \$967,303 (includes sales tax), plus \$8,936 service charge to the State for use of their contracts.]

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7h. **FUNDS FOR LITIGATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Attorney that the City Council appropriate funds in the amount of \$450,000 from the Self-Insurance Fund and approve a payment of \$450,000 in full and final settlement of the case Davis v. City of Torrance, Superior Court Case No. YC12912.

7i. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL FOR MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council authorize a purchase order for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$158,710 to Thomsen Landscape of Woodland Hills, CA, to furnish all necessary labor and material for Madrona Marsh Preserve Habitat enhancement.

7j. **JTPA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Private Industry Council and the Employment and Training Division of the Personnel Department that the City Council authorize the execution of agreements for employment and training services with El Camino Community College.

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

**13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**13a. 1996 AIR FAIR**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council allow the 1996 Air Fair on September 21 and 22, 1996 and authorize an RFP to be distributed soliciting a sponsor(s) for the Fair.**

**Finance Director Note: Approval of this Item requires an appropriation of \$15,000 from the Airport Fund balance.**

**Staff presentation, including background information, was provided by Airport Manager Hriz. It was explained that those stipulations set forth by the Council Transportation Committee and subsequently modified by the City Council in March of 1995 for the 1995 Air Fair [not held,] are recommended for the 1996 Air Fair. Those stipulations and subsequent modifications are as follows:**

- 1. There shall be no aerobatics.**
- 2. Two City staff members shall act as liaison with the Air Fair producers.\***
- 3. The City shall provide \$15,000 for the 1995[96] event.**
- 4. Only aircraft with full insurance coverage, well in advance to participate in the event, shall be permitted.**
- 5. The Airport shall be closed except for flights conducted as part of the Air Fair.\***
- 6. Flights for hire shall be permitted.**
- 7. Low fly-bys shall be limited to individual aircraft. \***
- 8. Formation flying shall be limited to high fly-bys.\***

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**\* Modified by the City Council; see below.**

The following modifications to the above stipulations were made by the City Council on March 28, 1995:

- o That the City shall appoint a single point of contact and one back-up to serve as liaison with Air Fair producers.
- o That the Airport shall be closed except for *inbound*\* and outbound flights, which shall be left to the discretion of safety personnel at the tower.
- o That low fly-bys shall be limited to individual aircraft at 100 ft.
- o That formation flying, if any, shall be limited to high fly-bys at 1,000 ft.

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\* (The word "*inbound*" was added by the City Council at its 2-27-96 meeting.)

The Airport Manager responded to inquiries, including those related to the Draft Agreement [of record], included as supplementary material to this item. Also discussed was the scheduling of the Fair on the dates of September 21 and 22, in response to a letter sent to Council by Mrs. Reva Skoll, who complained that the second day of the Fair is the end of the Jewish New Year, Yom Kippur, which precludes her from attending the event.

Ms. Nancy Clinton, 2785 Pacific Coast Highway, discussed the rationale in selecting the dates of September 21 and 22 for the 1996 Air Fair. In response to her inquiry, it was agreed that the word "inbound" could be added to point 2 of the above modifications by Council.

Ms. Clinton requested and received clarification on various issues including time frames associated with securing an RFP for review. Discussion ensued and focused on the importance of handling this matter in as expeditious a fashion as possible.

At the urging of Councilwoman Cribbs, who was echoed by her colleagues, Airport Manager Hriz and the City Manager agreed that the Airport Commission could hold a special meeting in March, aside from its regularly scheduled meeting, in order to review the RFP and make a recommendation to the Council by its second meeting in April [4-9-96].

Mr. Frank Rizzardi, Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, and Chairperson of the Airport Commission, lent Homeowners' Association support to the Air Fair, as conditioned above, including modifications by the City

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**Council. As Chairperson of the Airport Commission he stated that he felt certain the matter could be expedited by calling a special meeting of the Commission in March [in addition to the regularly scheduled Commission meeting.]**

**Mr. Jim Gates, 142 Via Pasqual, requested and received clarification from the City Manager as to insurance coverage for aircraft participating in the event. Further edification was provided by Councilman Lee, who suggested that staff investigate, with the City's insurance advisor, a "single event policy" that would cover all participants in the Air Fair. The City Manager agreed to explore the issue and return related information with the RFP.**

**Ms. Nancy Clinton returned to the podium and offered to furnish the City with insurance information which might assist the City's insurance advisor in its study of this matter.**

**MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager [to hold the 1996 Air Fair on September 21 and 22, 1996, with the stipulations and subsequent modifications, as noted,] adding the word "inbound" to the second point under Council Modifications and with clarification on insurance coverage to be provided by the City's insurance advisor. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.**

**MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to direct staff to return the proposal to Council at its April 9, 1996 meeting. Councilman Messerlian seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.**

**13. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, POLICE SAFETY EMPLOYEES**

**Considered following Executive Session Matters; see pages 9-10.**

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**At 8:25 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 8:26 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.**

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**19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**19a. Councilwoman Cribbs commended Allied Signal's sponsorship of a program entitled "Celebrating the Uniqueness of All" praising the keynote speaker, Dr. Maya Angelou.**

**19b. Councilman Lee reminded the viewing audience to vote in the upcoming municipal election.**

**19c. Councilwoman O'Donnell urged everyone to vote for the candidates of their choice in the upcoming municipal election.**

**19d. Mayor Hardison noted that Council will be dark on March 26, 1996 due to the Primary Election.**

**19e. Mayor Hardison requested that Council members Walker and Messerlian join her on the Legislative Committee in order to review the proposed March 26, 1996 ballot measures and make recommendations to the Council on those issues of relevance to the City.**

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

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**At 8:30 P.M., with a statement having been read earlier [see pages 1-2,] the City Council resumed its consideration of executive session matters, returning to Chambers at 9:20 P.M. to take formal action, as shown below.**

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**Consideration returned to ...**

**13. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING [MOU] - TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION [TPOA], POLICE SAFETY EMPLOYEES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council agree to amend the TPOA, Police Safety Employees' MOU and adopt a Resolution relating to overtime provisions.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 96-14**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION  
POLICE SAFETY EMPLOYEES  
SUPPLEMENTAL #1**


**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 94-148  
SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS,  
WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR  
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE  
POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, POLICE SAFETY  
EMPLOYEES**

**MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-14. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.**

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 9:22 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to March 12, 1996, 7:00 P.M. [Council is dark on March 5, 1996 due to the Torrance Municipal Election.]**

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance

**Valerie Whippie  
Minute Secretary**

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