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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, February 20, 1996, at 5:45 P.M., in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall, for the purpose of a Workshop Session on the Strategic Plan. Regularly scheduled Council business commenced at 7:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

*** Arrived at 5:46 P.M.**

**** Excused at 6:40 P.M.**

Absent: None.

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

STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP SESSION

Procedures in conducting the workshop session were outlined by Mayor Hardison. City Manager Jackson presented the Strategic Plan Overview, after which related inquiries were addressed.

Council concurred unanimously with Councilwoman Cribbs' suggestion that the following pledge be added to the Strategic Plan, on its title page:

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CITY COUNCIL PLEDGE

The Torrance City Council pledges to create an environment in which the City's Vision, Mission and Values will flourish. The City Council acknowledges its role in the Strategic Plan is to encourage and nurture the ideals, hopes and dreams that are incorporated within this document.

The Council appreciates and commends the tremendous community involvement and time commitment to bring this document to life. It pledges that the Plan will be a living, changing and evolving vision for the community.

Members of the audience were invited to comment on the Plan and address issues of importance to the City's future.

Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, discussed the significance of the Natural History Center to the City and its appropriateness as a goal within the Plan.

Mr. Charlie Salenas, 1314 Acacia Avenue [no speaker card], noted the importance of continuing programs to educate and train youths for good employment opportunities within the community.

Ms. Ann Lau, 2405 Grand Summit Road, discussed issues and concerns related to DOJ litigation. A brief discussion ensued with Councilman Nakano clarifying certain points for this speaker. Additional expansion was provided by the City Manager.

Ms. Linda Cessna of the Employees Coalition, lent support to the Plan and noted that employees are appreciative of having had the opportunity to participate thus far and look forward to continued involvement during the implementation process.

Mr. David Brunnenmeyer, 20622 Annrita Avenue, requested and received clarification as to the City's position on traffic issues in relation to quality of life issues.

A resident of 4003 W. 177th Street [no speaker card], expressed her concerns about future construction plans for

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Prairie Avenue between Artesia Boulevard and 190th Street. Clarification in this regard was provided by the Engineering Director who agreed to talk to this resident after the meeting.

Ms. Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia Avenue, requested and received expanded clarification on Traffic & Transportation issues, including those related to trains.

City Manager Jackson presented the Implementation Plan Overview and briefly responded to inquiries, including one related to the City's possible involvement in bringing youths and job opportunities in the community together.

Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, addressed the importance of including the Natural History Center under the "*Personal growth and enrichment of the individual*" category.

Councilman Messerlian noted that he would have to leave tonight's meeting to attend another meeting and subsequently read a statement regarding the importance of strategic planning.

Noting that the workshop session was concluded, Mayor Hardison stated that the City Council would be taking action on both the Strategic Plan and the Implementation Strategy for the Strategic Plan during tonight's Council meeting [Items 13b and 13c, respectively.]

At 6:40 P.M. Council recessed, reconvening at 7:07 P.M. to conduct its regularly scheduled business. Councilman Messerlian was excused from the meeting at 6:40 P.M., returning during closed session at 8:30 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Previously taken; see page 1 [Councilman Messerlian was excused at 6:40 P.M., and returned at 8:30 P.M. during closed session.]

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Beach Cities Cadet Squadron 107.

Torrance Police Chaplain Mayeda led the invocation for the meeting.

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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 (absent Councilman Messerlian.)

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 (absent Councilman Messerlian.)

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Public Safety Committee

Citizen's Academy

February 21, 5:00 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Mid-Year Budget Review

February 22, 5:30 P.M.

City Council Chambers

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

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Considered out of order ...

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

18a. **ADOPT-A-COP PROGRAM**

Students and teachers of *Fern Elementary School and Towers Elementary School* and Torrance police officers participating in the Adopt-A-Cop Program at the Torrance Unified School District were introduced and

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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. PURCHASE ORDER FOR PERSONAL COMPUTERS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Information Systems Director that the City Council authorize a purchase order for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$105,000 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$115,500 for the purchase of new and replacement personal computers over a period of two months to Ocean Network Corporation of Walnut, CA [Ref. Bid #B96-02.]

7b. PURCHASE ORDER FOR STREET MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Street Services Director that the City Council authorize the award of a purchase order to furnish the City's annual requirement of asphalt plant mix and other related street maintenance products from the lowest responsible bidder, Livingston-Graham Blue Diamond Materials of Irwindale, CA, in the anticipated amount of \$707,582.85, including sales tax [Ref. Bid #B96-03.]

7c. PURCHASE OF JAIL MUG VIDEO SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Police Chief that the City Council approve the purchase of a jail mug video system in the amount of \$25,000 funded from the Police Department Automation Project.

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

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9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

9a. **EASEMENT IN DORIS WAY RETENTION BASIN**

RESOLUTION NO. 96-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND GRANT AN EASEMENT TO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A SANITARY SEWER IN THE DORIS WAY RETENTION BASIN

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-13. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Messerlian.)

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **ASSIGNMENT OF ROLLING HILLS SHOPPING CENTER LEASE**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Land Management Team that the City Council approve the Assignment of Shopping Center Lease, the Assignment of Operating Agreement and the Estoppel Certificate and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and to attest them on behalf of the City. Further, it is recommended that the City Attorney be authorized to approve minor changes in the documents so as to expedite their completion.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Land Management Team. Councilman Nakano seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Messerlian.)

13b. **ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council adopt the City of Torrance Strategic Plan.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, *as amended**. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Messerlian.)

* (Amended to add the City Council Pledge; see page 2.)

13c. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council concur with the proposed implementation strategy for the City of Torrance Strategic Plan.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion.

Prior to roll call, Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, reiterated her previous sentiment that the Natural History Center should be listed under the "Personal growth and enrichment of the individual" category. The City Manager responded, stating that he would have no problem adding a notation that "there is a strategic planning effort with regard to the Madrona Marsh." Council concurred and the Mayor stated that such a notation would be included under said category.

Roll call vote on the motion to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager – with the above notation – was taken and proved unanimously favorable (absent Councilman Messerlian.)

13d. CONTRACT FOR PREPARATION OF CITYWIDE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Planning Director that the City Council retain by contract the services of Transportation Management Services (TMS) to prepare a Citywide Trip Reduction Program for a total amount not to exceed \$52,000; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest a contract prepared by the City Attorney; and appropriate budgeted gas tax funds to perform this project.

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MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Director. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion.

Prior to the unanimously favorable roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian,) Transportation Planner Buchman provided specifics about the subject matter.

18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

18a. ADOPT-A-COP PROGRAM

Considered earlier; see page 4

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At 7:54 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 7:56 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilman Lee requested an information item on recent changes in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

19b. Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, provided an update on current activities at the Madrona Marsh.

19c. Ms. Hope Witkowsky, Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program [RSVP] expressed her enthusiasm about RSVP returning to Torrance [reference Redevelopment Agency minutes of this date,] and invited seniors to participate in the Program.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

The Mayor 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,

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**Conference with Labor Negotiator; and 20.a.2,
Conference with Legal Council - Existing Litigation.
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
54956.9(a).**

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**At 8:00 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to
Chambers at 9:42 P.M. No formal action was taken following this executive
session. (Note: Councilman Messerlian joined the session at 8:30 P.M.)**

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21. ADJOURNMENT

**At 9:42 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to
February 27, 1996, 5:30 P.M.**



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance