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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 13, 1996, at 7:03 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 Boy Scout Troop #310.

The City Clerk 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.

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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 **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**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 City Clerk Herbers. Mayor Hardison noted that DARE Officer Ulrich was recently honored with a PTA Continuing Service Award by the Torrance Council of PTAs.

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6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION** declaring the week of February 18 through 24, 1996, as "National Give Yourself Credit Week" in the City of Torrance.

So proclaimed by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Bob Warsaw, CBT Financial Services.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 11, 1996 (Special Meeting) and January 16, 1996**

7b. **REVENUES FOR GIRLS CLUB VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council appropriate \$9,500 from revenues

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collected through fees to pay instructors for services and purchase equipment for the Girls Club Volleyball Program.

See note below.

7c. CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER AVENUE WATER WELL NO. 7 AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that the City Council award a contract to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation of Perris, CA, in the amount of \$1,665,960 and reject all other bids; authorize staff to prepare a standard contract; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said contract on behalf of the City for the construction of Water Well No. 7 and Production Facilities at the Border Avenue well site (B95-18.)

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.

Note: Councilwoman O'Donnell discussed the nature of Item 7b [Revenues for Girls Club Volleyball Program,] for the benefit of the viewing audience.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Public Safety Committee that the City Council as a whole review and concur with the strategy employed by the Police Department [*“Implement MDC module utilizing Inglewood Police Department hardware”*] to explore a solution to implementing Mobile Digital Computers (MDCs) in field units.

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Councilwoman O'Donnell, Chair of the Council Public Safety Committee, read the Committee's report of record. As noted in the Committee report, details of the Police Citizen's Academy concept are still being reviewed by the Committee.

Police Lt. Besse and Capt. Dane provided further expansion and clarification and Council concurred with Mayor Hardison's suggestion that results of the exploration process with Inglewood be returned to Council for review, as opposed to the Committee.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

The Police Chief acknowledged Lt. Besse's efforts in gathering information on this matter.

13b. POSITIONS AT CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that the City Council concur with the reallocation of certain part-time positions in the Cultural Arts Center in order to create permanent part-time positions in the Theater staff and adopt the resolution setting forth the salary and benefit provisions.

Councilman Lee , Chair of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee summarized agenda material and offered the following:

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the recommendation of the Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion. (This motion carried with a unanimously favorable roll call vote, as shown following the motion to adopt the Resolution.)

RESOLUTION NO. 96- 12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-12. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

Roll call vote was taken on the motion to concur with staff recommendation and proved unanimously favorable.

13. RECOGNITION AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Land Management Team that the City Council approve the agreement [of record] between the City, Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center and American Multi-Cinema, Inc. on land located at the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and to attest that agreement on behalf of the City.

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

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At 7:27 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 7:28 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilman Lee noted a need for improved notification for events which could potentially impact area residents, such as the recent Education Foundation 5k/10k Run. Staff concurred, with the Mayor requesting that City costs be kept at a minimum.

19b. Councilman Messerlian expressed his appreciation for the update provided by staff, regarding the intersection of 164th Street and Van Ness Avenue. He briefly summarized the update for the benefit of the public.

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19c. Councilman Nakano echoed Mr. Lee in agreeing that area residents need to be better informed about events such as the recent 5k/10k Run sponsored by the Education Foundation, in order to minimize potential impacts.

19d. Councilwoman O'Donnell noted that she has received several complaints about cars parked on lawns in the City, as well as the parking of recreation vehicles on City Streets. A brief discussion ensued, with staff addressing her concerns and defining City policy as it relates to these issues. Staff agreed to more closely monitor RV parking with respect to enforcing regulations.

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 Legal Council - Existing Litigation. Further detail on this matter is contained on the agenda cover.

A closed session on this matter is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54956.9(a).

At 7:43 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to Chambers at 8:45 P.M. No formal action was taken following this executive session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to February 20, 1996, 5:30 P.M.

Lee Harrison

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Joe Herbert

Clerk of the City of Torrance

**Valerie Whippie
Minute Secretary**

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