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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 joint session with the Redevelopment Agency in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 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

Council/Agency executive session matters reflected the following, per the meeting agendas:

The Council/Agency recessed 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; 20.a.2, Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation; and 20.a.3, Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

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Council/Agency also conferred with the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency on the agenda matter listed under Redevelopment Agency Executive Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

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, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8.

At 5:37 P.M., the Council/Agency commenced its joint executive session, returning to Chambers at 7:25 P.M., at which time consideration of executive session matters was concluded, with no action taken. (Consideration of Agency business commenced at 8:52 P.M., concluding at 8:53 P.M.; see page 9.)

1. ROLL CALL

Previously taken.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Torrance Police Explorers Troop 1047X.

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

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION** declaring the week of February 5 through 10, 1996, as "Stayin' Alive Youth to Youth Week" in the City of Torrance.

So proclaimed by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Wayne Pan of the Torrance Youth Council.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 9, 1996**

7b. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR REPLACEMENT STENCIL PAINT TRUCK**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director, the Street Services Director and the Fleet Services Director that the City Council authorize a "special opportunity purchase" of a replacement stencil paint truck, for an amount not to exceed \$60,200 (this amount includes sales tax,) to Fuller Ford, Chula Vista, CA, for the purchase of a replacement stencil paint truck.

7c. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

Considered separately; see page 4.

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7d. **LEASES FOR YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ORGANIZATIONS**

Considered separately; see below.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR SCBA REPLACEMENT PARTS**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the General Services Director and the Fire Chief that the City Council authorize a purchase order to Special "T" Fire Equipment, Inc., of San Bernardino, CA, for the sole source purchase of miscellaneous self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) replacement parts in the total anticipated amount of \$37,854.94.

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

Consent Calendar Items considered separately . . .

7c. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Librarian that the City Council accept and appropriate a \$914.54 donation from the *Hollywood Riviera Sportsman Club* to purchase a carousel magazine display rack for the El Retiro Library.

Mr. Allen E. Watt, 167 Via los Miradores, Redondo Beach, representing the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmans Club announced the objectives of the organization and specifics of the donation.

7d. **LEASES FOR YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ORGANIZATIONS**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute certain Agreements on behalf of the City initiating leases for the use of Southern California Edison [SCE]

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Substation property by Central Torrance Little League and South Bay Girls Softball for the period of October 1, 1995 through June 1, 1996.

Councilwoman O'Donnell discussed the nature of this Item for the benefit of the viewing audience.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with Consent Calendar Items 7c and 7d. Councilman Walker seconded the motion and it was so ordered by the Mayor.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **CITY OF TORRANCE STRATEGIC PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Strategic Plan Steering Committee that the City Council receive the Strategic Plan [of record] for the City; provide a public review period for the Strategic Plan; conduct a City Council Workshop for public input on the Plan and to provide an opportunity for modification of the Plan, as the Council may deem appropriate; formally adopt the plan at a subsequent meeting; and direct the City Manager to create an Implementation Program as outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Background was outlined by Principal Management Assistant Sunshine, who subsequently introduced members of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, as well as representatives of The Warner Group.

Principal Planner Bluman introduced the following Committee members who discussed certain aspects of the Plan, as follows:

Dr. Frank Tyrrell, Assistant Superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, provided an Overview of strategic planning and the role of the Steering Committee in developing the City's Strategic Plan.

Mr. Randy King, The Warner Group, discussed the methods of public input, participation and research that went into the development of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Frank Rizzardi, representing South Torrance Homeowners, presented Vision, Preamble, Mission and Value statements of the Strategic Plan.

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Mr. Pat Astredo, representing the Torrance Municipal Employees, presented the first three strategic priorities; **Appearance, Character & Quality of the Community, Communications & Civic Involvement, and Economic Development.**

Ms. Claudia Madison, representing the Torrance Council of Parent Teacher Associations, presented the fourth through sixth strategic priorities; **Infrastructure, Personal Growth & Enrichment of the Individual, and Reliable Revenue Base & Effective Asset Management.**

Mr. Steve Cummins, representing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the remaining three strategic priorities; **Responsive, Accountable & Cost-Effective Government, Safe & Secure Community and Traffic & Transportation.**

Mr. Bob Wade, representing Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., provided an overview of the Steering Committee's recommended direction for development of an Implementation Program for the Strategic Plan, including an **Action Plan, an Annual Review and Update of the Action Plan, and a Three-Year Update Cycle for the Strategic Plan.**

Following the presentation, the Mayor, later echoed by her colleagues, expressed enthusiastic appreciation for the endeavors of those who worked to develop the proposed Strategic Plan, including The Warner Group. The commitment of the Committee to the community was noted, as the Mayor presented Committee members with plaques, on behalf of Council.

As Council members praised the efforts of the Committee in developing the proposed Plan, Councilwoman Cribbs suggested that a pledge of Council support for the Plan and its implementation be drafted for consideration at the February 20, 1996, Workshop Session [Council members concurred.]

13b. REVIEW PERIOD FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council concur with a public review period of February 6-20, 1996, for the City of Torrance Strategic Plan; the scheduling of a City Council workshop for February 20, 1996, 5:30 P.M., to receive input on the strategic plan; a distribution strategy for the review period; and a direction to the City Manager to bring forward an implementation strategy and timeline at the February 20, 1996 City Council meeting.

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

Prior to the unanimously favorable roll call vote. Mr. Sunshine and City Manager Jackson expressed their appreciation to the staff members involved in this effort.

13c. **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1995**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Acting Finance Director that the City Council accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1995.

Clarification was provided by Acting Finance Director Flewellyn. Mayor Hardison expressed her appreciation for the introductory section of the Report.

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

13d. **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY LEAVE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**

RESOLUTION NO. 96-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY LEAVE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE ARMED FORCES AND CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS FOR THEIR DEPENDENTS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-11. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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13e. MOBIL EARLY WARNING TASK FORCE

Mayor Hardison noted that pursuant to her oral communication at the November 11, 1995 Council meeting, the following individuals have agreed to serve on the Task Force for Early Warning at Mobil:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Bob Pitts Jim Cook (Alternate)	Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.
Byron Bean	Marriott Courtyard
Dennis Puckett Tammy Smith(Alternate)	Magruder School
Dick Ducar Pat Kromka (Alternate)	TUSD
Fred Casstevens Terry Furey (Alternate)	Northwest Torrance Homeowners Assn.
Irene Ordaz* Connie Erebia*	Pueblo Homeowners
Mary Grugal	Playhouse Preschool
Bill Buckalew Rick Napier (Alternate)	Mobil Oil Corporation

* An alternate has not been selected from the two representatives at this time.

The Mayor noted that the Committee represents homeowners, the School District and businesses from the region where Mobil Oil is located. She discussed the goal of the Committee and suggested a strategy for Committee members to follow, including the scheduling of 3-4 meetings, with final input to be included in a report to the Safety Advisor, via the City Council.

Council concurrence with the suggestions of the Mayor regarding the Task Force was requested and it was SO MOVED by Councilman Messerlian. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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At 8:52 P.M., Redevelopment Agency business was conducted, concluding at 8:53 P.M. The Agency adjourned and consideration of regular City Council business resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. City Manager Jackson welcomed Jay Scharfman to the staff of the City Manager's Office.

19b. Assistant City Manager Giordano announced the City's new "CITY GRAM!" offered as a means for the public to comment about City services/issues.

19c. City Clerk Herbers announced issues pertinent to the upcoming Municipal Election.

19d. Councilman Messerlian requested updates on traffic issues at the intersections of 164th Street and Van Ness Avenue, as well as Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard.

19e. Councilman Walker congratulated Jay Scharfman on his appointment to the City Manager's Office.

19f. Councilman Walker requested that staff investigate the handicap accessibility of a recently remodeled business establishment on Sepulveda Boulevard, slightly west of Ocean Avenue, next to the Texaco station

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Considered earlier; see pages 1-2.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to February 13, 1996, 7:00 P.M.



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

**Valerie Whippie
Minute Secretary**

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