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*Adjourned in the memory of  
... Billy Stonecker ...*

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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, January 23, 1996, at 7:10 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 Ms. Teri Kuwahara.

Rev. Dennis McFadden, First Baptist Church, led the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in the memory of former City employee *Billy Slonecker*.

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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 **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

Item 13e [Additional Military Leave for City Employees] was withdrawn from tonight's agenda; to be returned at a later date, per the City Manager.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Finance and Governmental Operations Committee**  
***Cultural Arts Center Staffing/Catering***  
Met this date.

**Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee**  
***Joint meeting with TUSD - Youth Services***  
January 31, 4:30 P.M.  
TUSD Offices

**Public Safety Committee**  
***Citizen's Academy***  
February 21, 5:00 P.M.  
Third Floor Assembly Room

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION** declaring the week of January 29 through February 2, 1996 as "Ramona Quimby Week" in the City of Torrance.

*So proclaimed* by Mayor Hardison and accepted with appreciation by Teri Kuwahara on behalf of the Cultural Arts Foundation. Foundation Board members, including President Katy Geissert, Janet Payne, Judy Gibson and Gloria Jacobs were introduced.

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**6b. RECOGNITION OF UEKI SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Representatives of the UEKI Society, whose members dedicate their time to maintaining the beauty of the Japanese Garden in the Cultural Arts Center, were introduced and presented with certificates of appreciation, as follows:

John Eardley, Advisor  
Akihiro Kobayashi, President  
Yoshio Noda, Instructor  
Toshifumi Ohara, Torrance Chapter Chief  
Hidenori Hamada, Torrance Chapter Representative

**6c. INTRODUCTION OF KASHIWA DELEGATION**

Members of the Kashiwa Delegation were introduced by Sister City Association President May Cambra and presented with plaques, as follows:

Shichiro Okada, City Assembly Member  
Hiroshi Miya, City Assembly Member  
Shoichi Akita, City Assembly Member  
Tomohiko Hiratsuka, Assembly Secretariat

Considered out of order ...

**6e. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The Executive Director of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation, Mr. Greg Bingham, presented the "Golden Shield" award to Parks and Recreation Director Barnett, who accepted it with pride, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Consideration returned to ...

**6d. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-05**

[Resolution of commendation, for adoption only, to be presented at a later date.]

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-05. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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- 7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
- 7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 19, 1995**
- 7b. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR PIC COMPUTERS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Acting General Services Director, the Information Systems Director and the Personnel Manager that the City Council authorize a purchase order for twenty-nine personal computers for the Private Industry Council [PIC] to Genesys ATE, Inc. of Santa Clara, CA, in the total amount of \$57,729.73 [Ref. Bid No. B95-40.]

- 7c. **CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SOFTWARE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Personnel Director that the City Council authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and attest to a contract with California Interactive Computing, Inc. to purchase GenComp software on behalf of the City.

- 7d. **LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SCE FOR POST SUBSTATION SITE**

Considered separately; see below.

- 7e. **COMMUNITY COORDINATOR PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF LOMITA**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council and the Employment and Training Division of the Personnel Department that the City Council approve the execution of the Community Coordinator Program Agreement with the City of Lomita to provide community coordination services to Lomita residents and businesses for FY 1995-96 in the amount of \$47,735.

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**7f. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 1995**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**7g. MWD'S IN CONCERT WITH THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Engineering Director and the Water Commission that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Water District to participate in MWD's *In Concert with the Environment Program*.

**7h. 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 the Center for Employment and Training (CET), California Career Schools, New Horizons Training Center, The Helms Group, WEB, ds, InfoSystems and Los Angeles Harbor College.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7h, with the exception of 7d, which was considered separately; see below. Councilman Walker seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval following roll call vote.

**Consent Calendar Item Considered Separately:**

**7d. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SCE FOR POST SUBSTATION SITE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council approve the renewal of the License Agreement with the Southern California Edison [SCE]

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**Company for the lease of its Post Substation Site to the City (for Little League Fields) through June 1, 1996, with a fee of \$1,450 and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest the Agreement on behalf of the City.**

**Desired clarification was provided by the Parks and Recreation Director, in response to inquiries posed by Councilman Lee**

**MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with Consent Calendar Item 7d. Councilman Messerlian seconded the motion and it was so ordered by the Mayor.**

**9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS**

**9a. SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT SEPULVEDA AND WALNUT RAILWAY CROSSING**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended by the Planning Director that the City Council adopt the resolution authorizing and directing the execution of the license [of record] with the LACMTA for the installation of signal improvements at the Sepulveda Boulevard and Walnut Street railway crossing.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LICENSE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO INSTALL SIGNAL EQUIPMENT UNDER AND ACROSS THE LACMTA RAILROAD TRACK AT SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AT WALNUT STREET.**

**MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Director. Councilman Messerlian seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.**

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**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-06. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

**10. POLICE/FIRE MATTERS**

**10a. FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**

Desired clarification was provided by Fire Chief Adams who thanked Administrative Chief Thompson for his efforts in this regard.

The City Clerk was asked to assign a number and read title to ...

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REGARDING THE RETENTION AND  
DESTRUCTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-07. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

**11. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

**11a. EAS 95-0004: PRICE-COSTCO (LARRY KOSMONT)**

Questions concerning this issue, including those related to time frames and the notification process, were addressed by Planning Director Ferren and Sr. Principal Planner Gibson.

The City Clerk was asked to assign a number and read title to ...

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND  
DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES  
FOR PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT REPORT FOR THE *PRICE COSTCO*  
*PROJECT***

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**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-08. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

**13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**13a. CONTRACT FOR ESPRESSO CART**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Manager, the Acting Director of General Services and the City Librarian that the City Council authorize a contract with California Carts of Hermosa Beach to provide and operate an espresso cart concession at the Torrance Civic Center Library at no cost to the City.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, the Acting Director of General Services and the City Librarian. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

**13b. REQUEST BY TOYOTA MOTOR SALES AND AMERICAN HONDA TO DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENT BANNERS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council consider a request from American Honda and Toyota Motor Sales to place event banners in certain City right-of-ways from January 1996 through March 1996 and January 1996 through May 1996, respectively.

Details of this request were provided by Principal Management Assistant Sunshine, who noted that both American Honda and Toyota Motor sales are desirous of displaying banners supporting and advertising their sponsorships, as follows:

**Toyota/L.A. Philharmonic Symphony for Youth  
Honda/L.A. Marathon**

During discussion, Building and Safety Director Isomoto defined the City's Sign Ordinance as it relates to temporary signs.

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While Council members acknowledged their appreciation of both organizations and their contributions to the community, in particular Toyota's generosity to the City, there was general concern expressed about advertising events in the City which are actually taking place outside the City. Several Council members felt that precedent could be set in approving such a request.

Councilman Messerlian offered a motion to hold the matter, in order to explore whether the two organizations would consider limiting the display of banners to their own campuses. *This motion died for lack of a second.*

Discussion continued and focused on the impact a delay in acting on the request would represent. It was ultimately agreed that both organizations could display their banners within the confines of their own sites and this was reflected by the following action.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved that the proposed banners be restricted to the perimeters of the two businesses for a period not to exceed sixty [60] days. Councilman Messerlian seconded the motion.

Mr. David Chambers of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, came forth to recognize Toyota's sponsorship of the upcoming program; "*Symphonies For Youth.*" A brief discussion resumed about the nature of this request.

Roll call vote was taken and proved unanimously favorable.

### 13c. 1996 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Clerk that the City Council adopt the enabling resolutions [of record] establishing polling places and election officials; and ordering the canvass [as described in agenda material.] It is further recommended that Council adopt the procedure for determining a tie vote, if any, by lot as provided for under Section 15651 (b) of the Election Code. If Council chooses to determine the outcome of a tie vote by special runoff election, the resolution [of record] must be adopted.

City Clerk Herbers provided a brief summary of material contained in staff report, after which a series of motions were offered.

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*(Supplemental material)*  
**RESOLUTION NO. 96-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES, APPOINTING PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND FIXING COMPENSATION FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996, CALLED BY RESOLUTION 95-91 OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-09. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALIFORNIA ORDERING THE CANVASS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 5, 1996, BE MADE BY THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

Discussion ensued as to how the Council would wish to proceed in the event of a tie vote, either by holding a special election, or determining the winner by lot. Clarification was provided by City Clerk Herbers

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Cribbs moved that in the event of a tie, the winner shall be determined by Council, by lot. Councilman Messerlian seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

**13d. URGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING AND PEDESTRIAN RESTRICTIONS IN THE VICINITY OF TORRANCE GARDENS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Planning Department and City Manager that the City Council adopt an urgency Ordinance to: 1) prohibit stopping on the north side of Maricopa Street

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from Hawaii Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard; 2) prohibit pedestrian crossing on Maricopa Street from Maple Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard *[note: this issue was ultimately deleted from final action]*; 3) implement a temporary residential parking permit requirement for the area bounded by Maricopa Street on the north, Torrance Boulevard on the south, Maple Avenue on the west, and Crenshaw Boulevard on the east for a period of 90 days; and, 4) increase the Business License Revenue Budget by \$11,330 and appropriate this amount to the Planning Department for the purchase of materials and supplies. This residential parking permit requirement will be accompanied by a 2-hour parking restriction on all streets from the east side of Maple Avenue to the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard, the south side of Maricopa Street, to the frontage road along Torrance Boulevard.

Staff presentation was provided by Transportation Planner Buchman who summarized the content of staff report. It was explained that supplemental material included correspondence objecting to the proposed prohibition of pedestrian crossing on Maricopa Street from Maple Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard, item 2) of staff recommendation.

Discussion centered on the issue of prohibiting pedestrian crossing on Maricopa Street and the hardship such a restriction would have upon the business community and the residential community, per correspondence of record. Input was provided by Police Chief who noted that after review, it would be the Department's recommendation to allow pedestrian crossing on Maricopa Street. Further input was provided by Police Lt. Jack McDonald as to related safety issues.

Details as to how the proposed plan will work were provided by Ms. Buchman and other cognizant staff members, including City Attorney Fellows, who assisted in responding to Council inquires from a legal perspective. Following this colloquy, Council indicated an early consensus toward eliminating SECTION 61.5.6 - PEDESTRIANS - MARICOPA STREET from the proposed Urgency Ordinance.

Ms. Linda Louie, Sr. Counsel, Creative Computers, expressed enthusiasm about pending consideration to eliminate Section 61.5.6 [Pedestrians] from the proposed Urgency Ordinance and noted that the company has gone to great lengths to ensure that employees are complying with parking regulations

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initiated by Creative Computers [enumerated at the January 9, 1996 Council meeting.] Mayor Hardison noted that she personally has observed an improvement in the Torrance Gardens area and Ms. Louie indicated that close monitoring of the situation will be ongoing.

A representative from MotorCar Parts & Accessories, Inc., 2727 Maricopa Street, submitted a letter dated January 23, 1996, opposing the proposed prohibition of pedestrian crossing on Maricopa Street.

Police Lt. Jack McDonald returned to the podium to provide further input on traffic issues in and around the Torrance Gardens area, in response to a question posed by Mr. Clarence Dunkelberger, 804 Cerise Avenue, pertaining to delivery trucks.

Mr. Jack Perry, 815 Cerise Avenue, noted his overall satisfaction with the improved parking situation. He expressed concern with overflow parking at another company on Maricopa Street and it was affirmed by the Planning Director that the company's Conditional Use Permit is currently being reviewed. In response to Councilman Nakano, Mr. Perry indicated that he had no problem with allowing pedestrians to cross Maricopa Street, at this time.

At the request of the Mayor, the City Clerk was asked to read number and title to ...

Urgency Ordinance  
ORDINANCE NO. 3420

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS 61.6.32 AND  
61.6.33 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE  
REGARDING PARKING AND VEHICLE STOPPING IN A  
DESIGNATED AREA OF THE CITY AND DECLARING  
THE PRESENCE OF AN URGENCY

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to *adopt* Urgency Ordinance No. 3420, AS AMENDED\*, at its *first and only* reading. Councilman Walker seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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\*[Section 61.5.6 and reference to PEDESTRIANS deleted.]

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**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to concur with staff recommendation to increase the Business License Revenue Budget by \$11,330 and appropriate this amount to the Planning Department for the purchase of materials and supplies. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

Councilman Nakano commented that with regard to the pedestrian crossing, if there continues to be a problem, he would want the matter returned for further Council review/action.

**13e. ADDITIONAL MILITARY LEAVE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**

Withdrawn; see page 2.

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Mayor Hardison ordered a recess at 8:56 P.M. Council reconvened at 9:07 P.M.

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**13f. ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Land Management Team that the City Council approve the Estoppel Certificate [of record] as to form and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and to attest that certificate.

Clarification was provided by the Chair of the Land Management Team, Albert Ng.

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

**13g. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT ON RISK MANAGEMENT FUNCTION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that the City Council

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as a whole, review the background information on the risk management function within the City. The background data has been presented over the period of the last year to the Committee. This information is a companion to Item 13h [below,] which is an action item recommending the creation of a Risk Manager position and other associated costs.

Chair of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee, Councilman Lee, acknowledged his fellow Committee members, Mrs. Cribbs and Mr. Messerlian, and noted the efforts to which the Committee has gone to review the risk management function in the City and arrive at the recommendation contained in Item 13h; a companion to this Item. He noted that Item 13g was brought forth as an information item for Council review and offered the following:

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to accept and file the subject report. [Item 13g.] Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and it was so ordered by the Mayor.

13h. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON RISK MANAGEMENT FUNCTION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Council Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that the City Council concur with the following series of actions:

Approve consolidation of the Risk Manager Program within the Personnel Department under a new Risk Manager position and provide for a standing Risk Management Committee as amended by the Council Committee;

Approve staffing addition of one Risk Management Technician;

Approve initial safety services be provided through contractual services;

Approve funding for the program through June 30, 1997, as presented in the committee agenda item of record; and,

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**Concur with the appropriation of Program Contingency Reserve for funding of initial capital expenditures estimated to be \$20,000.**

**Additional expansion and clarification of the Item was provided by the Chair of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee, Councilman Lee.**

**MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion.**

**Prior to roll call vote, Assistant City Manager Giordano offered input regarding the incentive program and the Personnel Manager discussed the light-duty program.**

**Committee and staff members were thanked by the Mayor for their endeavors in this regard.**

**Roll call vote was taken and proved unanimously favorable.**

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**At 9:20 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 9:21 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.**

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**19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**19a. City Clerk Herbers discussed issues related to the upcoming Municipal Election.**

**19b. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced, with sadness, the passing of youth coach Steve Buby from the North Torrance area.**

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

**Mayor Hardison read the following statement into the record:**

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**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 and 20.a.2, Conference with Legal Council- Pending Litigation; and 20.a.3, Conference with Real Property Negotiator - Real Property. Further detail on these matters is contained on the agenda cover.**

**A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54956.9(c), 54956.9(b)(3), and 54956.8.**

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**At 9:25 P.M., the City Council met in executive session, returning to Chambers at 9:51 P.M. No formal action was taken following this executive session.**

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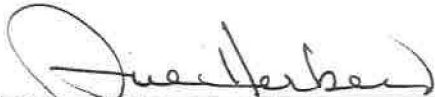
**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 9:51 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to February 6, 1996, 5:30 P.M.**

***Adjourned in the memory of  
... Billy Slonecker ...***



**Mayor of the City of Torrance**



**Clerk of the City of Torrance**

**Valerie Whippie  
Minute Secretary**

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