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*Adjourned in the memory of  
... Jong C. Tang ...*

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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, January 16, 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 . . .

**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; and 20.a.2, 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(a) and 54956.8.

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At 5:36 P.M., the City Council commenced its closed session, concluding its executive session business and returning to Chambers at 7:00 P.M. No action was taken.

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1. ROLL CALL

Previously taken; see page 1.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

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

Rev. George Johnson, Cathedral of Life, led the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in the memory of City employee *Jong C. Tang*.

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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.

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

Addendum Item 13a [Request by Toyota Motor Sales and American Honda to display advertisement banners on City light standards] was withdrawn, to be returned in the one week.]

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5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Public Safety Committee  
*P.D. Mobil Digital Computer Project  
and Citizens Academy*  
January 17, 5:00 P.M.  
Third Floor Assembly Room

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee  
*Cultural Arts Center Staffing/Catering*  
January 23, 5:30 P.M.  
Third Floor Assembly Room

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

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Mayor Hardison noted that the Council met in a special session on January 11 to consider the appointment of the Finance Director. City Manager Jackson noted that Mr. Eric Tsao was appointed, in accordance with his recommendation.

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6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE SERGEANT JEFFREY BURDEN

RESOLUTION NO. 96-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE HONORING JEFFREY J. BURDEN,  
POLICE SERGEANT FOR HIS DEDICATION,  
PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-04. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

*For adoption only - to be presented at a later date.*

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**6b. RECOGNITION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATORS**

The following Strategic Plan Facilitators were acknowledged, with great appreciation by Mayor Hardison ...

**Ms. Barbara Barker  
Ms. Pat Bluman  
Mr. Fred Casstevens  
Ms. Felice Fromm  
Ms. Cathy Gibson  
Ms. Kim Howsden  
Ms. Venora Lee  
Ms. Claudia Madison  
Mr. Paul Nowatka  
Police Capt. Harvey Siegel  
Ms. Carrie Becker  
Ms. Jackie LaBouff  
Ms. Linda Cessna  
Ms. Ann Gallagher  
Ms. Barbara Glennie  
Ms. Peggy Kissack  
Ms. Olivia Lopez  
Ms. Fran Mauno  
Ms. Janet Payne  
Ms. Lynn Solomita  
Ms. Gail Bedard  
Ms. Mary Lou Busch  
Mr. Ken Flewellyn  
Mr. Bill Ghio  
Ms. Jane Hasselbach  
Ms. Adrienne Lao  
Ms. Patsy Loughboro  
Ms. Wendy Naylor  
Ms. Ingrid Rademaker  
Mr. Brian Sunshine  
Dr. Frank Tyrrell  
Ms. Ernestine Olson  
Ms. Pat Unangst  
Ms. Hope Witkowsky**

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The City Clerk announced certain scheduled Candidate Forums for the March 5, 1996 Municipal Election, noting that additional information could be obtained in the Office Of The City Clerk.

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Mayor Hardison introduced Boy Scouts Josh Gonzalez and Marcus Covington of Troop 595.

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**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 12, 1995.**

**7b. PURCHASE ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL MOWERS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Acting General Services Director and the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council authorize a purchase order for \$24,931.06 to AA Equipment Rentals Co., Inc., of Montclair, CA, for the purchase of three John Deere Commercial Mowers.

**7c. FY 1995-96 FUNDING FOR MAX COMMUTER SERVICE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Fleet Services Department and the MAX Policy Steering Committee that the City Council approve the Agreement [of record] with the metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which provides for \$411,790 in FY 1995-96 Proposition C Discretionary Transit Service Expansion (TSE) program funds to the MAX Commuter Bus Service and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and to attest the agreement.

**7d. PURCHASE ORDER RENEWAL FOR CITY'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Acting General Services Director and the Information Systems Director that the City Council authorize a purchase order for \$162,635.76, for a purchase order renewal for two years for service and maintenance of the City's telephone system to NEC/BCS (West), Inc., of Culver City, CA.

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7e. **DONATION FROM THE TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Department that the City Council accept a donation of \$5,000 from the Torrance Rose Float Association and appropriate this amount to the Rose Float Account #620062.

**Note:** See comment following Consent Calendar action.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with Consent Calendar Items 7a through 7e. Councilman Walker seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval following roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison expressed her appreciation to the Torrance Rose Float Association [ref. Item 7e.]

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **REQUEST BY TOYOTA MOTOR SALES AND AMERICAN HONDA TO DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENT BANNERS ON CITY LIGHT STANDARDS**  
**(Addendum Item)**

Withdrawn; see page 2.

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At 7:17 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 7:18 P.M. and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. City Attorney Fellows announced that Ms. Linda Santos would be leaving the Office of the City Attorney, having accepted a position with Metropolitan Water District.

19b. Councilman Nakano reported that he has observed northbound Torrance Transit busses stopping for extended periods at the intersection of Torrance and Crenshaw Boulevards by Conroy Florists and requested that staff investigate the matter to ensure traffic safety.

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19c. Councilwoman O'Donnell requested that staff pursue the length of traffic signal stops at various intersections in the City, including the signal at Maple Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, which was recently repaired.

19d. Councilwoman O'Donnell requested and received clarification from the Engineering Director regarding a broken water main at the intersection of 190th Street and Van Ness Avenue.

19e. Councilwoman O'Donnell requested and received clarification pertaining to the City's policy regarding speed bumps. Related discussion ensued.

19f. Councilwoman O'Donnell requested and received an update on the status of the City's electric bus.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

20a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Considered earlier; see pages 1-2.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 P.M., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to January 23, 1996, 7:00 P.M.

*Adjourned in the memory of  
... Jong C. Tang ...*





**Mayor of the City of Torrance**



**Clerk of the City of Torrance**

**Valerie Whippie  
Minute Secretary**

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