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*Adjourned in the memories of  
Mark Hewitt ... Jack R. Gordinier ... Richard Figueroa  
Anthony Stefanov ... and ... Stanley Burns*

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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 9, 1996, at 6:04 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 Labor Negotiator; 20.a.2, Conference with Legal Council- Existing Litigation; and 20.a.3, Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation. Further detail on these matters is contained on the agenda cover.

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A closed session on these matters is authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), and 54956.9(c).

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At 6:05 P.M., the City Council commenced its executive session, returning to Chambers at 7:15 P.M. No action was taken at this time and consideration of executive session matters was resumed at the end of the meeting.

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1. ROLL CALL

Previously taken; see page 1.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Flag salute was led by Mr. Chuck Porter.

Rev. Eric Hoey, Chinese Presbyterian Church of the South Bay, led the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in the memories of *Mark Hewitt; Jack R. Gordinier; Richard Figueroa; Anthony Stefanov; and Stanley Burns.*

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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

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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 13a [Espresso Cart at Library] was withdrawn, to be returned at a later date.

Mayor Hardison announced that additional information on certain agenda items was available in the rear of Council Chambers.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Public Safety Committee  
P.D. Mobil Digital Computer Project  
and Citizen 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

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Mayor Hardison announced the success of the Toys For Tots drive at the City and discussed the planning process for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the City and the founding of the Police Department in May of this year.

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6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLES W. PORTER

RESOLUTION NO. 96-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE HONORING CHARLES W. PORTER  
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TORRANCE  
COMMUNITY

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**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

Presented after the reading of Items 6b and 6c; see below.

6b. **RESOLUTION HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN EDWARD A. SIMINICH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN  
EDWARD A. SIMINICH FOR HIS DEDICATION,  
PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-02. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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

6c. **RESOLUTION HONORING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICER  
HAROLD SUTTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING HAROLD SUTTON  
FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-03. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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

*Consideration returned to ...*

6a. **RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLES W. PORTER**

Resolution No. 96-01 was read in its entirety by Mayor Hardison and was gratefully accepted by Mr. Charles Porter, retiring President of the Dominguez

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Water Corporation. Mr. Porter introduced the Corporation's new President, Brian Brady.

6d. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

By unanimous ballot, the following Commission appointments were made:

**AIRPORT COMMISSION**

*Steve Skoll*

**CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD**

*Nikola Mikulicich, Jr.*

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

*John LaBouff*

*Bill Sutherland*

*Frank Scotto*

**COMMISSION ON AGING**

*Betsy Matthews*

*Frank Wolf*

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

*Robert Lee*

*Hazel Taniguchi*

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

*Peggy Dowell*

*Gloria Jacobs*

**DISASTER COUNCIL**

*Morris Dietrich*

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION**

*Doug Stenhouse*

*Ralph Grippo*

**LIBRARY COMMISSION**

*Peggy Basile*

*Kathryn Roberts*

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

*Janet Payne*

*Judy Gibson*

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**

*Joe Martinez  
Sandi Monda*

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

*Dick Cahill  
Kyle Maetani*

**WATER COMMISSION**

*John Wolcott  
Doyle Wolfgang*

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 5, 1995.**

**7b. PURCHASE ORDER FOR CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Acting General Services Director and the Street Services Director that the City Council authorize a purchase order to the lowest responsible bidder, Cal Mat Co., of Irwindale, California, to furnish the City's annual requirement of crushed aggregate base in the anticipated amount of \$201,727.50, including sales tax. [Ref. Bid No. B95-43.]

**7c. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR AUTOMATED FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Acting General Services Director and the Fleet Services Director that the City Council reject the bids received for the purchase of an automated fuel dispensing system for the Torrance Transit Facility.

**7d. PURCHASE ORDER FOR CITYWIDE NEWSLETTER**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Acting General Services Director that the City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$50,944, plus a 10% contingency of \$5,094.40, to Rodgers &

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McDonald Graphics, Carson, CA, to print and deliver the City's Newsletter and *Recreation Roundabout* on a quarterly basis. [Ref. Bid B95-38.]

City Manager's Note:

The expenditure for this contract is in line with last year's expenditure of \$47,611.

7e. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR DOCUTECH PUBLISHING SYSTEM

Considered separately; see below.

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

Consent Calendar Item considered separately ...

7e. LEASE AGREEMENT FOR DOCUTECH PUBLISHING SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Acting General Services Director that the City Council authorize award of a 43-month lease agreement extension for the City's existing Docutech Publishing System and award of a 72-month lease agreement contract for one additional Docutech Publishing System.

Acting Central Services Administrator Grabowski provided desired clarification, responding to inquiries posed by Councilwoman Cribbs . It was agreed that Mrs. Cribbs would be provided with additional information about the volume of copies made each month.

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

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. CONTRACT TO PROVIDE AND OPERATE ESPRESSO CART AT LIBRARY

Withdrawn; see Item 4; page 3.

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**13b. CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE RENEWAL**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Cable Television Advisory Board that the City Council begin the cable television franchise renewal process by: (1) accepting the timeline proposed by the Cable Television Administrator which establishes the role of the City Council, staff and consultants; (2) authorizing the Advisory Board to conduct needs-and-interests assessment; and (3) directing staff to notify Paragon in writing of City Council action.

Cable Television Administrator Smith provided an oral summary of staff report and responded to inquiries regarding the roles of the Cable Television Advisory Board and City Council; shared costs with other cities who use Paragon Cable [Gardena and Hawthorne]; proposed timetable [of record]; and, scheduling of joint workshop session.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and the Cable Television Advisory Board. Councilwoman Cribbs seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

**13c. PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES IN THE VICINITY OF MARICOPA STREET AND TORRANCE GARDENS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council hear input on the traffic and parking issues in the vicinity of Maricopa Street and Torrance Gardens, review the background material, give staff direction regarding mitigation of the parking issues and concur with staff recommendation regarding prohibiting pedestrian crossing on Maricopa Street and stopping or parking on a portion of the north side of Maricopa Street.

A summary of staff report, including background to this issue, was provided by Transportation Planner Buchman, who utilized overheads to illustrate various points, including the following proposed permanent restrictions:

**Proposed Permanent Restrictions**

- o **No stopping - north side of Maricopa from Hawaii to Crenshaw**
- o **No pedestrian crossing on Maricopa from Maple to Crenshaw**

**Possible Temporary Parking Restrictions**

- o **2-Hour parking on the south side of Maricopa during business hours**
- o **2-Hour parking on the south side of Maricopa during peak commute hours only**
- o **2-Hour parking on the south side of Maricopa plus both sides of several intersecting streets for 300 feet from Maricopa Street; residential parking excepted with permits**

**A lengthy question and answer session followed the presentation, with Ms. Buchman responding to inquiries. Council's frustration that Creative Computers was not more responsive to the concerns of residents and the Council was apparent throughout consideration of this matter.**

**Cognizant staff members responded to inquiries regarding the company's compliance with its Conditional Use Permit. Parking regulations were discussed as well, specifically in relation to number of employees and shifts.**

**Representing Creative Computers, 2645 Maricopa Street, were Ms. Linda Louie, Sr. Counsel, and Mr. Grant Trexler, Chief Financial Officer. Both officers of the organization responded to inquiries from Council members.**

**Ms. Louie talked at length about mitigation measures implemented at Creative Computers to alleviate parking problems in the residential area. She circulated copies of "Creative Computers' Good Neighbor Parking Policy," enumerating the measures as follows:**

**CREATIVE COMPUTERS**  
**GOOD NEIGHBOR PARKING POLICY**

1. **Sent memo to all employees reiterating parking policy: No parking on residential streets; Parking on north side of Maricopa only; Parking in Creative lot or Harvey Universal lot OK.**

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- 2. Rented additional spaces at Harvey Universal for total of 110 spaces.**
- 3. Instituted shuttle van from Harvey Universal lot to Creative Computers entrance.**
- 4. Created database of Creative and Kelly employee auto identifying information.**
- 5. Distributed Creative and Kelly auto ID tags/stickers.**
- 6. Stepped up monitoring of cars parked on residential streets.**
- 7. Providing contact person for neighbors (Ted Ponich at 310-222-5892.)**
- 8. Reducing additional 85 positions by approximately the end of January 1996, in addition to nearly 200 positions reduced over past few months.**

**Ms. Louie maintained that enforcement of the above mitigation measures and the shifting of operations to other locations at the company will eliminate the problems sustained by the residents of Torrance Gardens. Mr. Trexler provided specifics about the company including number of employees, shifts, visitors, relocation of operations, etc.**

**Council members for the most part, indicated their reticence to accept the measures proposed by Creative Computers based upon the company's poor performance record in responding to past attempts to address the problem. Ms. Louie requested that the company be given a chance to prove that it will abide by the above measures.**

**Audience input was invited and the following area residents aired their grievances about problems endured over a long period of time as a result of Creative Computers' employees parking in their neighborhoods.**

**Jack Perry, 815 Cerise Avenue**

**Richard Gossett, 1020 Elm Avenue**

**Kit Combs, 2538 Maricopa Street**

**Florence Tebbets, 926 Kornblum Avenue**

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**Deena Silverman, 2534 Maricopa Street**

**C.R. Johnson, 815 Cranbrook Avenue**

**Joe Bond, 805 Kornblum Avenue**

**Kathy Kelley, 1121 Felbar Avenue**

**Bob Tashiro, 926 Felbar Avenue**

Following the succession of speakers, Council discussion ensued. Councilman Messerlian captured the sentiment of his colleagues by stating that he felt the entire Torrance Gardens area should be covered with a two-hour parking limitation during normal business hours; that the City should issue permits to the residents of Torrance Gardens exempting them and their guests from the two-hour parking restriction; and that the process to issue the permits should be accomplished expeditiously and without undue hardship or administrative red tape to the residents in the affected area. Mr. Messerlian further suggested that the restriction be implemented on a trial basis, the duration of which to be determined by Council.

Councilman Messerlian subsequently **SO MOVED**. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. This motion was ultimately amended, with the concurrence of Mr. Lee; see page below.

Discussion resumed with cognizant staff members providing various clarifying points during deliberation. City Manager Jackson noted that an urgency ordinance would be returned in approximately two weeks, reflecting tonight's direction.

Mayor Hardison reviewed the recommendation of staff, summarizing Council discussion, and asked Councilman Messerlian to restate his motion.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to concur with the Proposed Permanent Restrictions recommended by staff; no stopping on north side of Maricopa from Hawaii to Crenshaw; no pedestrian crossing on Maricopa from Maple to Crenshaw; and the third of the Possible Temporary Parking Restrictions [modified] – implement 2-hour temporary parking restriction in Torrance Gardens area [bounded by Maricopa and Torrance and Maple and Crenshaw,] exempting residents and their guests, for a period of 90 days at which time Council will review. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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Mayor Hardison requested that residents who had to leave tonight's meeting be informed of pending action. Noting the complexities involved with the subject matter, Mrs. Hardison, with a nod from her colleagues, requested that staff pursue a mechanism to more easily address such problems in the future.

Mr. Perry returned to suggest that the proposed ordinance exempt service vehicles.

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At 11:25 P.M., the Mayor ordered a brief recess. Council reconvened at 11:30 P.M., recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 11:31 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

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**19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**19a. Newly appointed Airport Manager Andrew Hriz was introduced and welcomed aboard after being introduced by Management Programs Administrator Tilden.**

**19b. City Attorney Fellows was congratulated after he announced that he had been with the City for three years.**

**19c. City Clerk Herbers reminded the public that there will be two different elections in March; one on March 5th, the Torrance Municipal Election and one on March 26th, the Presidential Primary Election. Further clarification in this regard was provided.**

**19d. Councilwoman Cribbs requested that remodeling of the front desk at the Civic Center Library be expedited in order to improve service.**

**19e. Councilwoman Cribbs requested and received clarification from Transportation Planner Buchman pertaining to traffic improvements at 164th Street and Van Ness Avenue.**

**19f. Councilman Lee wished everyone a "Happy New Year!"**

**19g. Councilman Messerlian requested that staff investigate a program implemented in the City of Garden Grove called Neighborhood Improvement Strategy in order to determine its feasibility at the City of Torrance.**

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19h. Councilman Nakano expressed his gratification that graffiti incidents show a decline over the past few years and congratulated those involved with the program's success.

19i. Councilman Nakano announced that the Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee would meet in joint session with the Torrance Unified School District Board [TUSD offices] on January 31st.

19j. Councilwoman O'Donnell wished everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

19k. Mrs. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, Friends of the Madrona Marsh, announced various upcoming events.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

20a. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

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At 11:42 P.M., the City Council resumed its consideration of executive session matters read earlier in the evening [see pages 1-2.] Members returned to Chambers at 12:23 A.M. [1-10-96] and the City Attorney made an announcement, as shown below.

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City Attorney Fellows announced that Council, by unanimous vote, had instructed him to retain outside counsel and initiate a lawsuit in the matter of the State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF) to recover funds felt due to the City.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:25 A.M. [1-10-96,] this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to January 16, 1996, 5:30 P.M.

*Adjourned in the memories of  
Mark Hewitt ... Jack R. Gordinier ... Richard Figueroa  
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**Mayor of the City of Torrance**



**Clerk of the City of Torrance**

**Valerie Whippie  
Minute Secretary**

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