

January 18, 2000

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:37 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2000, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell\*, Walker and Mayor Hardison.  
\*Arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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Agenda Item 16 was considered out of order at this time.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:37 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c) and 54957, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:26 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hardison.

Pastor Gary Leary, Branch of Life Foursquare Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

**3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE 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. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The

motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

**4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available at the meeting on Agenda Items 6c, 11b, 11c, and 11d.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the last day to register to vote is February 7, 2000, and noted that City Council Candidate Forums will be held at various times, with a complete list available at the City Clerk's Office or on the City's website.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the League of Women Voters will be presenting a Black History Month celebration on Monday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Geissert Library Meeting Room featuring the civil rights journeys of Carol Adams Vernon and Judge Ellen Deshazer.

**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. PROCLAMATION RE "TORRANCE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (JAYCEES) WEEK"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of January 16 through January 22, 2000, as "Torrance Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) Week" in the City of Torrance to outgoing President Lisa Rodriguez and incoming President Laura Putnam. Ms. Putnam invited anyone interested in learning more about the organization to attend one of their meetings held every third Thursday of the month at Carrow's Restaurant at the corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

**6b. PROCLAMATION RE "DRAGON CIRCLE CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DAY"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring Thursday, January 20, 2000, as "Dragon Circle Chinese New Year Celebration Day" in the City of Torrance to Richard Tsao and Paul McCabe, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Cultural Involvement Committee. Mr. Tsao invited everyone to attend the fourth annual Dragon Circle Chinese New Year Celebration on Thursday, January 20, 2000, at the Torrance Hilton Hotel.

**6c. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council review applications and make appointments to fill vacancies on the Airport Commission, Cable Television Advisory Board, Civil Service Commission, Commission on Aging, Community Services Commission, Cultural Arts Commission, Disaster Council, Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission, Library

Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Traffic Commission, and Water Commission. The City Clerk further recommends that the City Council confirm the Senior Club appointments to the Commission on Aging and that the City Clerk administer the Oath of Office to commissioners present at the meeting.

The Council made the following appointments by unanimous ballot:

Steve Skoll, Airport Commission; Nikola Mikulicich, Jr., Cable TV Advisory Board; John LaBouff & Bill Sutherland, Civil Service Commission; Biruta (Bea) Virobik & Frank Wolfe, Commission on Aging; Robert Lee, Howard Orpe & Hazel Taniguchi, Community Services Commission; June Armstrong & Kim Wang, Cultural Arts Commission; Marc Lawrence, Disaster Council, E. Lenore Johnson & Sandi Monda, Environmental Quality Commission; Peggy Basile & Keri Botello, Library Commission; J. D. "Dick" Cahill, Judy Gibson & Stephen Robbins, Parks & Rec. Commission; Jim Fauk & Glenn Tanner, Planning Commission; Pam O'Brien & Morgan Tookey, Traffic Commission; Rod Gutierrez, Tom Hansen & Frank Kraus, Water Commission.

Mayor Hardison encouraged applicants who were not appointed to apply again in the future, noting that there may be more vacancies in April. City Clerk Herbers indicated that applications are kept on file for one year.

City Clerk Herbers administered the Oath of Office to those newly appointed Commissioners who were present in the audience.

The Council recessed at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m., without Councilman Walker, who left City Hall for the evening during the recess.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP 52389**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 52389, located at 4111 242<sup>nd</sup> Street and 4134-64 Pacific Coast Highway, which substantially conforms to and has met all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map. (Anastasi Development Corp.)

**7b. PURCHASE ORDERS RE PARAMEDIC SUPPLIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council authorize purchase orders be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$72,000.00 for a one year's supply of paramedic medical supplies from Promedix (amount not to exceed \$58,000.00) and a one year's supply of pharmaceutical supplies from Blue Ridge Medical Inc. (amount not to exceed \$14,000.00) as a Cooperative Purchase with the City of Inglewood.

7c. **CONTRACT RE GRAFFITI REMOVAL**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve a contract with GWT Enterprises, Inc. DBA Redi Wash, until the end of the fiscal year 1999/2000 for graffiti removal in the City of Torrance, at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00.

7d. **JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENTS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council execute agreements for employment and training services with Computer Education Institute and New Horizons Learning Centers for \$150,000.00 each.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER RE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Systems Director that City Council authorize a purchase order for one year of software maintenance and support from Peoplesoft for an amount not to exceed \$77,161.68.

7f. **PURCHASE ORDER RE UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICE**

Considered separately, see page 5.

7g. **LICENSE AGREEMENT RE UNDERGROUND COMMUNICATION CONDUIT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and attest to a license agreement with Phenomenex for installation of an underground communication conduit across 205<sup>th</sup> Street.

7h. **APPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF EDUCATION GRANT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Librarian that City Council accept and appropriate a \$1,386.00 grant from the California State Library for the Public Library Staff Education Program.

7i. **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council accept and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the adoption of Consent Calendar Items 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7g, 7h and 7i. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

Consent Calendar Item 7f was considered separately at this time.

**7f. PURCHASE ORDER RE UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council authorize renewal of the purchase order to Prudential Overall Supply of Carson, California for an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 to provide uniform rental service for an additional three (3) year period.

In response to Councilwoman O'Donnell's inquiry, City Manager Jackson provided clarification of the City's policy regarding employees' responsibility for the replacement of lost uniforms.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs; and hearing no objection, Mayor Hardison so ordered.

Commenting on Consent Calendar Item 7c (Contract re Graffiti Removal), Mayor Hardison stated that she was pleased that the number of graffiti incidents are starting to decline and voiced support for increased efforts in the area of prevention. Police Chief Herren confirmed that the number of incidents have dropped considerably in the last six months, particularly in City parks. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett expressed the hope that the downward trend would continue with the installation of additional security lighting and the ongoing Park Ranger program.

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**11a. COMMITTEE REPORT OF FY1999-2000 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee that City Council accept and file the First Quarter 1999-2000 Budget Review Report and concur with the following recommendations to:

- 1) Accept and file the first quarter reports;
- 2) Approve program modifications, subject to the meet and confer process, for the Finance Department, Planning Department, Street Services Department and Human Resources Department;
- 3) Approve the additional allocation of fiscal year 1998-99 carryover of \$296,988 to the Capital Projects Reserve; and
- 4) Approve using one-time State monies for damage caused by the El Nino storm to reimburse the Capital Projects Reserve in the amount of \$776,000.

Finance Director Tsao provided an overview of first quarter financial activity for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and outlined the Committee's recommendations (per written material of record).

Councilwoman Cribbs, Chair of the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee, briefly described the program modifications recommended for approval which would provide additional staffing for the Finance Department, the Planning Department, and the Street Services Department and appropriate grant funds to the Employment and Training Division of the Human Resources Department.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the Committee's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**11b. REALLOCATION OF FY98-99 GENERAL FUNDS FOR PERSONAL COMPUTERS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Information Systems Director that City Council approve the reallocation of FY 98-99 General Fund carryover to reimburse the City's Computer Replacement Fund for purchases of new personal computers ordered by various departments in the amount of \$73,632.58.

**Finance Director's Note**

This would reduce the amount recommended by the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee of additional allocation of 1998-99 year-end carryover for Capital Projects to \$223,355 for a total of \$759,548 (9/28/99 – Council allocated \$536,193).

Finance Director Tsao noted supplemental material available at the meeting offering clarification of the Finance Director's note.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**11c. ALLOCATION OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA ONE-TIME MONIES**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager and the Finance Director that City Council provide policy direction for the allocation of one-time monies received from the State of California budget adoption process.

Finance Director Tsao reported that the State budget process provided three confirmed sources of one-time funds for the City's use: Assembly Bill 1661, Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) - \$413,903; Assembly Bill 3229, Citizens' Options for Public Safety (COPS) – \$325,000 (est.); and Public Library Fund - \$245,639. He explained that staff was recommending that the COPS monies be allocated for police-related services and that Public Library funds be used to fund improvements at the Katy Geissert Library and that staff was requesting direction from the Council regarding the

allocation of ERAF funds. He noted supplemental material listing suggested projects, their costs, and the department's recommendation for the Council's consideration.

In response to Councilwoman Cribbs' inquiry, Street Services Director Bell confirmed that funding of \$384,000 for the treatment of Eucalyptus trees was no longer needed because the City was participating in a study using wasps to control the red gum lerp psyllid infestation. Councilwoman Cribbs stated that she favored allocating funds for some of the smaller projects, such as the completion of the Teen Center kitchen.

Councilman Lee indicated that he placed a high priority on funding a skateboard park and also expressed an interest in the rehabilitation of North Torrance Library. Noting that public library bonds are up for approval at the March 7, 2000 election (Proposition 14), he questioned how much money the City anticipates receiving should the proposition be approved by voters.

Senior Librarian Reeder stated that he did not know all the details but related his understanding that the money would be awarded on a competitive basis rather than per capita, with the highest priority being given to projects jointly funded with schools, and that matching funds may be required.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett reported that a proposal regarding the development of a skateboard park at Wilson Park would be coming forward within the new few weeks, which would include a funding strategy by a non-profit group. Councilman Lee suggested the unused hockey facility at Columbia Park as a possible skateboard park site. Mr. Barnett stated that the skateboard community had indicated a preference for Wilson Park and noted that a consultant was reviewing the master plan, looking for alternative uses for the hockey area at Columbia Park.

In response to Councilman Messerlian's inquiry, City Manager Jackson provided clarification of the two items referring to the City-owned Lago Seco property on the list of projects. He explained that one item proposes to use the one-time monies to mitigate the need to sell the Lago Seco property and the other outlines funds required to develop it as a park. He noted that the Council had previously authorized the sale of City-owned land to raise \$1.4 million in revenue for the five-year capital budget but had not yet specified which parcels are to be sold.

Mayor Hardison pointed out that, with the exception of the Lago Seco property, the City-owned parcels slated for sale are very small and expressed concerns that it might be difficult to achieve the \$1.4 million figure without including the Lago Seco property.

Councilman Messerlian expressed an interest in the proposal by the Building and Safety Department to establish a program which would inform new property owners of all zoning and use restrictions on a property and identify and eliminate any zoning and/or code violations as properties are transferred.

Mayor Hardison noted that similar programs in Inglewood and Carson have provoked a lot of controversy and suggested that more study needs to be done before moving forward on this type of a program. She voiced her preference for using the one-time monies for projects that do not require the hiring of additional staff or on-going funding.

Councilman Lee entertained the idea of allocating funds for the architectural planning stage of the North Torrance Library renovation, with the hope that funding for the construction phase could be obtained within the next two or three years.

A brief discussion ensued, and it was the consensus of the Council to allocate the one-time monies to fund the completion of the Teen Center kitchen and to use the balance to fund preliminary work on the North Torrance Library expansion/rehabilitation, reserving \$130,000 for the skateboard park should the proposal to which Mr. Barnett referred not come forward within the next 60 days.

Councilwoman O'Donnell asked that the Council consider funding the enhancements to the Home Improvement Program, noting that this program which provides assistance to low-income senior residents has been very well received. Human Resources Director Winer provided additional information regarding the request for tools, building materials and a laptop computer. Mayor Hardison suggested that Ms. Winer explore the possibility of obtaining donations of tools from local businesses as they have been very helpful in the past.

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to allocate State Assembly Bill 1661 Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) monies as follows: \$15,000 for the completion of the Teen Center kitchen facilities; \$8,000 for enhancements to the Home Improvement Program (HIP); and the balance to be used for preliminary work on the North Torrance Library expansion/rehabilitation, reserving \$130,000 for the skateboard park if an alternate plan for funding is not forwarded to the Council within 60 days. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved to allocate Assembly Bill 3229 Citizens' Options for Public Safety (COPS) monies for police-related services and Public Library funds for improvements at the Katy Geissert Library. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

City Manager Jackson noted that the projects not funded would be added to the deferred list of Capital projects. Councilwoman Cribbs asked that staff contact Chevron regarding the landscaping of their property on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard near Torrance Airport, and City Manager Jackson indicated that the topic would be included in upcoming discussions on the renewal of Chevron's franchise.

**11d. 1999-2004 CITY OF TORRANCE CAPITAL BUDGET**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager and the Finance Director that City Council receive and review and schedule February 1, 2000 for formal approval of the five-year Capital Budget, extend the Capital Budget to include the 2003/2004 fiscal year, and appropriate additional funds for the 1999/2000 fiscal year.

City Manager Jackson advised that the 1999-2004 City of Torrance Capital Budget was being transmitted for review prior to its formal presentation at the February 1, 2000 City Council meeting and invited Councilmembers to submit any questions they have to the Finance Director's office. Responding to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, he



confirmed that the item would be advertised and that homeowners' groups would be notified.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Hardison scheduled the formal presentation for consideration and approval of the 1999-2004 Capital Budget for February 1, 2000.

**11e. SETTLEMENT AND FRANCHISE AGREEMENT RE PARAGON COMMUNICATIONS dba TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a Settlement and Mutual Special Release Agreement by and between the City of Torrance and Paragon Communications, d.b.a. Time Warner Communications; and adopt a Resolution extending the current cable franchise with Paragon, d.b.a. Time Warner Communications, to December 31, 2002.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine presented the staff report (per written material of record). He explained that the Settlement and Mutual Special Release Agreement resolves outstanding issues between the City of Torrance and Time Warner and requires Time Warner to make a payment of \$1,179,173 to the City, with an additional public access fee of \$86,500 due on June 30, 2000; and noted that the Resolution extends the Franchise Agreement until December 31, 2002, and includes an option to renew the franchise by mutual consent through December 31, 2004. He thanked Time Warner representatives, Christie Hennessey and Alan Schwartz, Cable Television Administrator Michael Smith, and Deputy City Attorney Heather Whitham for their efforts to craft this agreement.

Mayor Hardison expressed her disappointment that Time Warner, contrary to their agreement, had provided misleading information to customers, portraying the City of Torrance as the bad guy.

Mr. Nikola Mikulicich, Jr., member of the Cable Television Advisory Board, commended City staff for negotiating a very good deal on behalf of the City and recommended that the City take a wait-and-see approach regarding the issue of cable internet access. Mayor Hardison indicated that she had received some correspondence asking the Council to look at the open access issue and that she believed the appropriate arena for that was during negotiations.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-11. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

11f. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SUPPLEMENTALS AND AMENDED PAY RESOLUTIONS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Supplementals and amended pay Resolutions modifying salaries and benefits as follows: TMEO; TPSA; ENGINEERS; TFEA; TPPREO; Certain Full-Time Salaried and Hourly Employees; Elected Officials.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane presented the staff report (per written material of record).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-72 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-04. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-121 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-05. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-119 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE ENGINEERS**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-06. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-120 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-07. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-70 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION (TPPREO)**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-08. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-84 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN FULL-TIME SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-09. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-77 GOVERNING COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2000-10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

**14. SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

**14a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3477**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3477**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 41 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO THE HILLSIDE AND LOCAL COASTAL OVERLAY ZONE, DELETING THE HARDSHIP PROVISION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3477. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Walker).

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The Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 9:43 p.m. to 9:44 p.m.

**15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

In response to Councilwoman Cribbs' inquiry, City Manager Jackson confirmed that those projects not funded in Item 11c will appear in the Capital Budget as deferred projects when it is presented to the Council in two weeks.

Councilwoman Cribbs commended North High School students for donating \$10,000 they raised by competing in the Go for Green Contest, along with \$5,000 contributed by Toyota, to the International Myeloma Society on behalf of Principal Tim Scully.

Referring to an incident at AMC Theaters, Councilman Horwich questioned whether the City could require theater operators to hire additional security when they exhibit movies that have shown a potential for evoking a strong emotional response. City Attorney Fellows, City Manager Jackson and Police Chief Herren commented on the issue, reporting that in the past, the City has had success with voluntary compliance and that discussions with the operator for additional security had already begun.

Councilman Lee requested that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report be made available to City Council candidates.

Councilman Messerlian praised the police and fire departments for their presence during the incident at Rolling Hills Plaza; and Councilwoman O'Donnell also thanked them for their quick response to the incident.

Councilwoman O'Donnell asked again about the possibility of requiring property addresses in alleys, and Chief Herren indicated that staff was looking into the matter.

Responding to Mayor Hardison's inquiry concerning political sign placements, Building and Safety Director Isomoto reported that a new program to remove signs placed without owners' permission is being instituted and that the City will remove the

signs after the property owner signs a consent form. He noted that candidates have been provided with information telling them when and where they may post signs.

In response to Councilman Messerlian's inquiry, Planning Director Gibson provided information regarding the approval process and permits required for political events held outdoors.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:00 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to continue consideration of matters listed on the agenda.

The Council returned to open session at 10:40 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:40 p.m., the Council adjourned to Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.