

February 3, 1998

**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 5:38 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian*, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker, and Mayor Hardison.
*Councilman Messerlian left City Hall at 6:35 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

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At this time Agenda Item No. 20 was considered out of order.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:38 p.m., pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), and 54956.9(c), the Council recessed into a closed session to confer on matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:05 p.m., the Council returned to Council Chambers. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session, and the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Gloria Jacobs, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission.

Pastor Alva Mace of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison noted the untimely death of Judge Benjamin Aranda, who had served on the South Bay Municipal Court since 1979, in recent years on special assignment to the California Court of Appeals; and was an inspirational role model for young people in the community. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in his memory, and indicated that the "Benjamin Aranda III Memorial Fund" had been established to benefit his family and contributions may be sent to 20808 Christine Avenue, Torrance 90503.

3. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

Sue Sweet
Recording Secretary

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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 (absent Councilman Messerlian).

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 Council member 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 (absent Councilman Messerlian).

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Personnel Hearing

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

City Clerk Herbers reported that Sample Ballots for the March 3, 1998, General Municipal Election had been mailed out, and residents who have not received their ballots by February 9 should call the City Clerk's Office.

City Clerk Herbers announced that Riviera Homeowners Association will be holding a Candidates Forum at Richardson Middle School on Wednesday, February 4, 1998, and further information is available from the City Clerk's Office or on the City's web site.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 98-11 RE KASHIWA CITY ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION NO. 98-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE WELCOMING THE KASHIWA CITY ASSEMBLY
TO TORRANCE AND THANKING THEM FOR THEIR
PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE SISTER CITY
PROGRAM OVER THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-11. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

Mayor Hardison noted that this resolution will be presented on Sunday, February 8 at a banquet for the Kashiwa delegates.

6b. **DONATION OF MARCUS WHITE SCULPTURE**

Recommendation

The Cultural Arts Commission recommends that City Council accept the donation of the Marcus White sculpture.

Ms. Gloria Jacobs, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission, remarked that she hoped this would be the first of many sculptures acquired for placement in public places throughout the City, enhancing the cultural and artistic landscape of the community. Mr. Marcus White displayed a model of his sculpture, and stated that he was pleased to bequeath the sculpture in return for all the opportunities and support he has received as a longtime resident of Torrance. On behalf of the City, Mayor Hardison accepted the donation with appreciation.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved to concur with the Commission's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 13, 1998**

7b. **TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve an amended and restated agreement between the City of Torrance and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce relieving the Chamber of the obligation to establish a separate board of directors for the operation of the Torrance Conference and Visitors Bureau for the remainder of the fiscal year.

7c. **RENOVATION OF HANGARS AT ZAMPERINI FIELD**

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that City Council accept the completion of the renovation of the twenty-four aircraft hangars at Zamperini Field and release \$14,119.50 payment retention to D&M Construction, Inc.

7d. **REPLACEMENT OF CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY COOLING TOWER**

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that City Council award a contract to Meadows Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning, Inc. in the amount of \$48,355 to replace the existing cooling tower at the Civic Center Library.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER RE MOBILE LIGHT AND AIR TRUCK**

Recommendation

The Fire Chief and the Director of Fleet Services recommend that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$307,900 (this amount includes sales tax), to SVI Fire and Rescue Trucks for purchase of a replacement Mobile Light and Air Truck.

7f. **FY 1996-97 FTA SECTION 5307 GRANT AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

The Fleet Services Director recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk attest to the attached FY 1996-97 Section 5307 grant agreement for project CA-90-X833 with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of \$1,263,864 to assist in the funding of five 40-ft replacement buses and the fifth lease payment on 14 buses. Local project money will come from two sources: State Transportation Development Act (TDA) and insurance proceeds.

7g. **DEVELOPMENT OF WELL 8**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council:
(1) Appropriate \$1,000,000 from the Water Fund balance, and
(2) Authorize the Engineering Director to proceed with Well 8 as part of the 1995-98 Capital Improvement Program Action Plan.

7h. **WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT 1997-98 - PROJECT 2**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council:
(1) Appropriate \$1,400,000 from Water Revenue Funds for Water Main Replacement 1997-98 Project, and
(2) Authorize the Engineering Director to proceed with the project as part of the 1995-98 Capital Improvement Action Plan.

7i. **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Recommendation

The Finance Director recommends that City Council accept and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1997.

7j. **JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

The Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director of the City of Torrance recommend that City Council execute an agreement for the provision of School-To-Career Training Services with Torrance Unified School District (\$25,000) to serve 8 Samoan youth.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **CLASS SPECIFICATION RE STREETScape SUPERVISOR**

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission recommend that City Council approve the proposed revised and retitled class specification of Streetscape Supervisor. The Human Resources Director further recommends adoption of the attached Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding modifying the salary range for the classifications of Streetscape Supervisor, Street Services Crew Supervisor, and Sewer Maintenance Crew Supervisor.

Human Resources Director Winer presented the staff report (per written material of record) and advised that the Streetscape Supervisor will be overseeing both the maintenance of landscaping and the repair and maintenance of sidewalk, curbs and gutters, providing for better coordination of these activities. Mayor Hardison commented that the reorganization of these responsibilities appears to be working, since Council members are receiving fewer letters and phone calls from residents about these matters.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 97-106
GOVERNING EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TPSA**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-12. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **SELECTION OF ARCHITECT FOR MADRONA MARSH NATURE CENTER**

Recommendation

The City Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment recommends that City Council approve the selection of the architectural firm of Bryant Palmer Soto, Inc. for the design of the Nature Center at the Madrona Marsh.

Councilman Nakano reported that the Committee had met on January 20, 1998, to discuss the selection of an architect for the design of the Nature Center and had voted unanimously to recommend the selection of Bryant Palmer Soto, Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

13b. **ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PANASONIC DISC SERVICES CORP.**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council concur in the creation of an incentive package not to exceed \$230,000 for the expansion of Panasonic Disc Services Corporation utilizing the following:

- (1) Up to \$40,000 in Economic Investment Fund assistance to offset the City's 1 1/2% construction tax;
- (2) Up to \$190,000 in rebates over five years of the City of Torrance portion of personal property tax in accordance with AB 1823 (Chapter 868); and
- (3) Authorize the development and execution by the Mayor of an Economic Development Contract.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine presented the staff report (per written material of record); explained that Panasonic Disc Services Corporation (PDSC) had experienced rapid growth since locating in the City approximately a year ago and would like to expand their facility; and outlined the proposed economic incentive package.

Mr. Jay Murakami, CFO/Treasurer of PDSC, thanked the City for their support and expressed his hope that the company would continue to be very successful in the growing high-tech industry.

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 Messerlian).

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At 7:27 p.m., the Council met as the Torrance Redevelopment Agency. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 7:28 p.m., and the Council meeting resumed in regular agenda order.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. Acting Street Services Director Bob Brewer and Parks & Recreation Director Barnett responded to questions regarding recent storm related incidents.

19b. Mayor Hardison thanked all the City workers for their efforts during the storms.

19c. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that the YWCA will be holding a yard sale and would welcome donations during the next two weeks.

19d. Mayor Hardison noted with pleasure the PIC/TUSD job training agreement approved earlier in the meeting, stating that she was pleased Samoan youths in the community were being provided with this opportunity.

19e. Mayor Hardison commended Finance Director Tsao and staff for compiling the attractive and informative Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

19f. Ms. Georgann Griswold, Friends of Madrona Marsh, thanked the Council for the vote on the Nature Center.

19g. Mr. Matt Clark, 16930 Eastwood Avenue, asked about the possibility of youths working on a mural in Torrance.

19h. Ms. Shirley Turner, Friends of Madrona Marsh, commented on the effect recent rains have had on the marsh and mentioned youth classes currently available.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier, see page 1.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:40 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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*****Adjourned in Memory of Judge Benjamin Aranda*****

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance