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**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 6:05 P.M. on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Messerlian, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Councilmember Lee.

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

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At this time, Mayor Hardison announced the City Attorney's request that the Council consider information received subsequent to the posting of the agenda relative to Torrance Airport Association, Etc./City of Torrance Case No. BC151192 (lawsuit in which plaintiff's offer to abandon their appeal in exchange for the City agreeing to waiver costs and perform certain management items at the Airport).

**MOTION:** With regard to Case No. BC151192, Councilmember Cribbs moved that immediate action is necessary and that the need to take action on this matter arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous voice vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

Mayor Hardison advised that this item would be considered in closed session.

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

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:09 P.M., Mayor Hardison announced that, pursuant to Government Code Section Nos. 54956.9(a) and 54956.8, the Council would recess into a closed session to consider the matters listed on the agenda, as well as the item noted above.

Councilmembers Messerlian and O'Donnell related their intent to abstain from consideration of Executive Session Addendum Item No. 4c (Real Property Conference Negotiation Re the YWCA Facility).

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Wendy Selogie  
Recording Secretary

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Councilmember Messerlian departed the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

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The Council returned to open session at 7:10 P.M. No action was taken in closed session. The meeting continued in regular agenda order.

2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Reverend Barry Griffing, Jubilee Fellowship led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the invocation for the meeting.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs moved to receive and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nakano and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilmembers Lee and Messerlian).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs 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 Councilmember Nakano and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilmembers Lee and Messerlian).

4. **WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

Mayor Hardison announced that consideration of Agenda Item No. 14a (Appeal of MOD 97-0011: Artesia/Verdugo L.P. [Dan Chandler]) would be continued to February 24, 1998.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Personnel Hearing**

Tuesday, February 24, 1998, 6:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers

**Finance and Governmental Operations Committee**

Tuesday, March 24, 1998  
5:30 P.M., West Annex Commission Room  
Mid-Year Budget Review

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications for absent voter ballots for the March 3, 1998 municipal election will be accepted until Tuesday, February 24, 1998.

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Mayor Hardison read aloud a prepared statement on the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Torrance and Kashiwa, Japan as sister cities. She called attention to gifts on display in Council Chambers which were presented to the City by the people of Kashiwa.

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6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION RE BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION**

The Council presented a proclamation recognizing the Black History Celebration occurring on Friday, February 20, 1998, which was accepted by Torrance Chamber of Commerce Cultural Involvement Task Force Members Cliff Johnson, Cindy Chu, Richard Tsao and Herb Oda.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Hardison announced that Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7f through 7h would be considered separately.

7a. **FUNDING RE PRICE-COSTCO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

The Planning Director recommends that the City Council approve an increase in the amount of \$10,842.88 to fund the preparation of an Addendum to the Price-Costco EIR and the supplemental work performed by the consulting firm of David Evans and Associates (which acquired the firm of Environmental Perspectives).

7b. **NEW TRANSIT SHELTERS**

**Recommendation**

The Planning Director and the Fleet Services Director recommend that the City Council review and approve the following locations to have Outdoor Systems, Inc. install and maintain four (4) new transit shelters. The locations are at the southeast corner of Carson Street and Cabrillo Avenue, the northeast corner of Torrance Boulevard and Arlington Avenue and the north and south sides of 190th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

7c. **AMENDMENT RE AGREEMENT FOR WATER RESOURCES PROJECT**

**Recommendation**

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council (1) approve an amendment to Contract 96-093 with Harris & Associates in the amount of \$24,310 and (2) authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to this amendment to provide three additional months of professional engineering services for the Water Resources Division.

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7d. **ANNUAL AMENDMENT RE AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER LEASE**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the Finance Director that the City Council approve an amendment to the Airport Control Tower lease with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

7e. **PURCHASE ORDERS RE PERSONAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

**Recommendation**

The Information Systems Director recommends that the City Council authorize increases to existing purchase orders with Software Spectrum and GST, Inc. for anticipated amounts not to exceed \$75,000 in total for a one-year period to Software Spectrum and GST, Inc. The purchase orders to be issued are as follows:

<b><u>Not- to-Exceed Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Vendor</u></b>
\$40,000	Software Spectrum
\$35,000	GST, Inc.

**MOTION:** Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a through 7e. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Lee and Messerlian.

Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7f through 7h were considered separately.

7f. **METRICOM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

**Recommendation**

The Information Systems Director and City Attorney recommend that the City Council authorize a non-exclusive franchise agreement with Metricom, Inc. for a microcellular digital network radio system for a term of five years.

In answer to questions from the Council, Information Systems Director Jenno verified that this system would be placed on street lights.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Ordinance No. 3447.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3447. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Lee and Messerlian.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3447**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO METRICOM, INC. A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE IN THE CITY'S STREETS AND RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOUNTING, INSTALLING, OPERATING, REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING A MICROCELLULAR DIGITAL NETWORK RADIO SYSTEM IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RICHOCHET WIRELESS DATA COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

7g. **CONTRACT RE ABANDONMENT OF SUR LA BREA OIL WELL**

**Recommendation**

It is the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director and the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council award a contract to C.E. Allen Company, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000 to abandon the City-owned observation well (City of Torrance #6) located in Sur La Brea Park.

City Clerk Herbers requested a minute motion on the awarding of the contract. It was so moved by Councilmember Cribbs, seconded by Councilmember Nakano and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmembers Lee and Messerlian).

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 98-13.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-13. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Lee and Messerlian.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING AND DETERMINING THAT NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED AND THAT THE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF THE SUR LA BREA PARK CITY-OWNED OBSERVATION OIL WELL CAN BE PURCHASED AT A LOWER PRICE ON THE OPEN MARKET

7h. **CHANGES TO DOW CHEMICAL PIPELINE LICENSE AGREEMENT**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the City Attorney that Council adopt the attached resolution extending and modifying the Dow Chemical Company Pipeline License Agreement for an additional 25 years.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 98-14.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-14. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Lee and Messerlian.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-14**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY TO CROSS CERTAIN CITY STREETS WITH A PIPELINE

Deputy City Attorney Whitham clarified that, since the pipelines are existing, no digging would be involved in this project.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **CONSOLIDATION OF SHELL OIL COMPANY PIPELINE FRANCHISES**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the City Attorney that the Council adopt an ordinance amending a pipeline franchise agreement for the transportation of hydrocarbon substances in the City of Torrance previously granted to Shell Oil Company to provide for the consolidation of an existing franchise with another on-going Shell Oil Company pipeline franchise.

Following a request from the Council, Deputy City Attorney Whitham supplied clarification concerning this item.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Ordinance No. 3448.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3448. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmembers Lee and Messerlian.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3448**

AN AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO SHELL CALIFORNIA PIPELINE COMPANY, AN AFFILIATE OF SHELL PIPELINE CORPORATION, A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF SHELL OIL COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **APPEAL OF MOD 97-0011: ARTESIA/VERDUGO L.P. (DAN CHANDLER)**

Continued to February 24, 1998 (See page 2 "Withdrawn or Deferred Items.")

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

The following item was added to Agenda Item No. 20 (Executive Session):

4. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (California Government Code 54956.8):

- c. Property: Y.W.C.A. Facility  
Negotiating Parties: LeRoy Jackson and Marie Rosen  
Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. Councilmember Nakano related his receipt of a telephone call from a resident concerning a tree which fell across a sidewalk during a recent El Nino storm. He suggested the idea of an emergency hot line for residents to report El Nino related incidents.

City Manager Jackson advised that staff will explore the idea.

19b. Councilmember O'Donnell mentioned that she has received a number of complaints about eucalyptus trees at the southwest corner of El Prado Street and Cravens Avenue.

19c. Councilmember O'Donnell noted that the YWCA is collecting items for a future yard sale.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting (see page 1). See Agenda Item No. 18 (Addendum Matters), page 7, for additional information.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:35 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, February 24, 1998, 6:00 P.M., to be followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M.