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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 5:34 P.M. on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Walker.

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

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Agenda Item No. 20 (Executive Session) was considered out of order.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Due to scheduled discussion relevant to the Redevelopment Agency (as listed on the meeting agenda), the following motion was offered at this time in order for the Council and the Redevelopment Agency to meet jointly during closed session.

**MOTION:** Member Lee moved to convene as the Torrance Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Member Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Member Walker.

At 5:35 P.M., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.7, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c), 54956.9(b)(3)(c) and 54956.8, the Council and the Redevelopment Agency recessed into a joint closed session to discuss the matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:15 P.M., the Council returned to open session, with no action having been taken in closed session. The Redevelopment Agency remained in session throughout the remainder of the Council meeting.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Boy Scout Troop #310, Scoutmaster Bruce Maas, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Yohan Kim, Torrance First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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

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

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

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers provided input regarding the election in progress at this time.

**Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 15, 1998, 5:30 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Approval of 1999 Float Design

**Ad Hoc Legislative Committee Meeting**

Thursday, April 16, 1998, 5:30 P.M.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: June Ballot Initiatives

The status of the Department of Justice lawsuit concerning police and firefighter testing against the City of Torrance was offered by City Attorney Fellows.

Mr. Wayne Flick, Latham & Watkins, shared information on the recent court decision that the lawsuit was frivolous, unreasonable and without any factual foundation and he thanked all who assisted in making this result possible. He advised that the court ordered the Department of Justice to repay the City's related legal fees, the amount of the judgment yet to be determined, and Mr. Flick noted the likelihood that the judgment will be appealed by the Solicitor General.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTIONS RE ACTS OF BRAVERY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-36.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-36. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 98-36**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER JAMES BARR AS THE RECIPIENT OF A MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD BY DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF WITH A CONSPICUOUS ACT OF BRAVERY

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-37.

**MOTION**: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-37. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-37**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICY OFFICER TIMOTHY STARK AS THE RECIPIENT OF A MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD BY DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF WITH A CONSPICUOUS ACT OF BRAVERY

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-38.

**MOTION**: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-38. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-38**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER STEPHEN JANGAARD AS THE RECIPIENT OF A MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD BY DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF WITH A CONSPICUOUS ACT OF BRAVERY

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-39.

**MOTION**: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-39**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER FRANK HERNANDEZ AS THE RECIPIENT OF A MEDAL OF VALOR

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AWARD BY DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF WITH A  
CONSPICUOUS ACT OF BRAVERY

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-40.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-40. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-40**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE HONORING RESERVE POLICE OFFICER WAYNE  
HOLBROOK AS THE RECIPIENT OF A DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Hardison advised that the proclamations will be presented at the Medal of Valor luncheon on Thursday, April 23, 1998.

6b. **PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL COMMUNITY THEATRE WEEK"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 18 - 25, 1998 as "National Community Theatre Week" in the City of Torrance to Ms. Roxanne Bettonville and Mr. Ralph Ulibarri, Jr., both of Palos Verdes Players.

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring Tuesday, April 21, 1998, as "National Youth Services Day" in the City of Torrance to Ms. Young Shil Kim, Youth Council Chairman. Ms. Kim introduced various Youth Council members presented at the meeting and she highlighted activities scheduled to take place on "National Youth Services Day."

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Agenda Item No. 6e was considered out of order.

6e. **PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 19 - 25, 1998 as "National Library Week" to Ms. Peggy Basile, Library Commission Chairman. Ms. Basile thanked the Council for supporting the Library and she announced the Authors' Fair to take place on Sunday, April 19, 1998.

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Discussion returned to regular agenda order.

6d. **PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Serving on the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council Policy Board, Councilmember Cribbs introduced potential appointees Mr. Kurt Weideman and Mr. Jose Robledo. (Mr. William Burford was not present).

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Cribbs moved to appoint the following individuals to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council: Mr. William Burford, Mr. Jose Robledo and Mr. Kurt Weideman. The motion was seconded by Councilmember and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

Mr. Weideman and Mr. Robledo were sworn in by City Clerk Herbers.

6e. **PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”**

Considered earlier in the meeting (see page 4).

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **INCREASE IN CONTRACT FOR CELLULAR SERVICE**

**Recommendation**

The Information Systems Director recommends that the City Council authorize an increase of \$17,500 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$42,000 to the existing contract with Arjay Telecommunications.

7b. **GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION IN TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER DEPT**

**Recommendation**

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council approve and authorize an agreement with Dominguez Water Corporation to pump the City’s unused groundwater rights and deliver this water to the City’s Water Department at an agreed upon rate.

7c. **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS RE ACCESS RAMP INSTALLATION PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council 1) appropriate \$129,454 from Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funds and \$12.546 from unappropriated Gas Tax Funds; and 2) authorize the Engineering Director to proceed with the Annual Access Ramp Installation Program as part of the 1995-98 Capital Improvement Program.

7d. **FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 24980 RE SUR LA BREA ESTATES, LLC**

**Recommendation**

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council approve Final Parcel Map No. 24980 located at 1931 W. 236th Street, which has met all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map, and authorize the City Clerk to accept the street easement granted on the map.

7e. **PURCHASE ORDER RE THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT TRAILER ETC**

**Recommendation**

The Acting Street Services Director recommends that the City Council authorize the purchase of a Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Trailer and Applicator, in a cooperate purchase with the City of Long Beach, in the amount of \$43,607.43 from Linemaster Engineering of Long Beach, California.

7f. **AMENDMENT RE WELLS FARGO GUARD SERVICES CONTRACT**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve an amendment to the Wells Fargo Guard Services contract to extend the period three months.

7g. **CONTRIBUTION FROM INACOMP**

**Recommendation**

The Chief of Police recommends that the City Council accept and appropriate a donation of \$700 from INACOMP for use in Police Department community affair programs.

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

9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

9a. **LICENSE AGREEMENT RE COMMUNICATIONS CONDUIT IN PRAIRIE AVE**

**Recommendation**

That the City Council approve a license agreement with Cendant Software Company for a communications conduit in Prairie Avenue between Challenge Street and 190th Street.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine thanked the Engineering and Legal Departments for the expeditious manner in which this item was brought forward for the Council's consideration.

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

11. **PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

11a. **LOAN TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Considered later in the evening (see Redevelopment Agency minutes of April 14, 1998).

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **TRANSPORTATION DIVISION CLASS SPECIFICATIONS/SALARY RANGES**

**Recommendation**

The Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission recommend the approval of the new class specifications of Assistant Manager, Operation; Assistant Manager, Administration; and Lead Bus Operator; as well as the revised class specifications of Transportation Administrator (Transit) and Assistant Transit Operations Supervisor. The Human Resources Director recommends the adoption of the supplemental Memorandum of Understanding and Resolution to establish and amend the corresponding salary ranges.

Senior Human Resources Analyst Weinmeister commended the cooperation of various City departments and the unions. He verified that this would approve the class specifications and establish the salary grids to go along with the restructuring of the Transit Division.

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

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-43.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-43**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 97-99 GOVERNING EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES - AFSCME, LOCAL 1117

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-44.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-44**

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

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-45.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-45. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-45**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-19 GOVERNING  
THE UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-46.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-46**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 97-97  
GOVERNING EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE  
TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION  
(TMEO)

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **COMMITTEE REPORT RE FY 97-98 SECOND QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW**

**Recommendation**

The Finance and Governmental Operations Committee recommends that the City Council concur with the following recommendation to: (1) Accept and file the second quarter (mid-year) budget report; and (2) Approve the program modifications for the City Treasurer's Office, Finance Department, Human Resources Department and Police Department

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and ultimately passed by unanimous roll call vote.

In answer to questions from the Council, Police Chief Herren verified the following: that the Torrance Police Officers' Association (TPOA) has been advised of the budget modification; that the professional standards' unit has already been implemented; and that, in order to have a professional standards' unit, it is necessary to

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have a police lieutenant (and not a civilian) who has a basic understanding of police department operations.

The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **VACATION OF PART OF WALK SOUTH OF DEL AMO/VAN NESS**

**Recommendation**

The Engineering Director recommends that, following the public hearing, the City Council approve and adopt the resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of a certain walk easement located south of Del Amo Boulevard and west of Van Ness Way.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing.

City Clerk Herbers confirmed that this item was duly published.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing. There being no input from the public, the following motion was offered.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 98-47.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-47. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-47**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF  
WALK SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND WEST OF  
VAN NESS WAY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

16. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

16a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING RE ORDINANCE NO. 3451**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Ordinance No. 3451.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3451 second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Walker.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 3451**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 35.1.2(b) OF THE TORRANCE  
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CHARITABLE EVENTS  
CONDUCTED BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. City Clerk Herbers announced that today's election results will be available on the Internet and City cable.

19b. Councilmember Nakano discussed the proposed ballot measure to prevent the use of Proposition A and C funds on the subway system. He explained that the legislation includes the selection of a five-member board to oversee the use of the transportation funds; voiced his concern that the City of Torrance contributes the second highest amount to the transportation funds, but would not be part of the board; and recommended that the City take a stand against the legislation in that the board would not reflect the population of Los Angeles County or the cities which contribute the funds.

The Council asked staff to bring forward a position of opposition to the proposed legislation.

Councilmember Lee suggested that a Council representative contact Supervisor Knabe's office with regard to this matter.

Mayor Hardison related input regarding a discussion she had with Supervisor Knabe concerning this legislation. She noted the importance of addressing this issue in a timely manner.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:05 P.M., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c), 54956.9(b)(3)(c) and 54956.8, the Council entered into a joint closed session with the Redevelopment Agency to discuss the matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 9:06 P.M., the meeting returned to open session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:06 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 21, 1998, 5:30 P.M., for an executive session, to be followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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