

October 6, 1998

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular session at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members Cribbs, Lee, Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker
and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: Messerlian.

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

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Mayor Hardison stated that subsequent to the posting of the agenda the City Manager's office received correspondence from Mr. John Kulluk, President of the Torrance Engineers Association requesting that the City meet and confer with the association regarding certain issues concerning the creation of new positions set forth in Agenda Item No. 13g - Addition of Four Positions of Project Manager (Public Works). She noted that in order to take action on a matter that is not on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Council that immediate action is necessary and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to add the above-mentioned item to the agenda under the "Conference with Labor Negotiator (California Government Code Section 54947.6)" portion of Agenda Item No. 20 (Executive Session). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

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

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:36 p.m., pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b)(3)(B) and 54956.8 the Council recessed into a closed session to confer on matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:10 p.m., the Council returned to open session. See Items 13g and 18a for actions taken on matters discussed during executive session and acted upon during regular session.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

Sue Sweet
Recording Secretary

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by West High School JROTC Club.

Reverend Alan Hilberg, South Bay Christian Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison noted the passing of Pauline Porter "Polly" Watts, a longtime community activist and 1987 recipient of the Jared Sydney Torrance Award; and Debbie Barker Rolison, the daughter of Parks and Recreation employee, Barbara Barker; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in their memory.

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 (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**

City Manager Jackson announced the withdrawal of Item No. 13e - Consent of Assignment of Lease and Sublease for Torrance Mitsubishi, to be brought back to Council at a later date.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Hardison asked that the flags in the City be lowered in memory of the firefighters from Orange County on the days of their funerals.

Mayor Hardison announced that from October 1 to November 30, 1998, old telephone books can be recycled either in Torrance recycling bins or at special bins on the west side of Ken Miller Recreation Center, or at the Vons/Pavilion's located at Torrance Boulevard and Anza. For information about other recycling locations call Pac Bell at 1-(800) 953-4400 or GTE at 1-(800) 610-4992.

Mayor Hardison shared a letter from Torrance Memorial Medical Center on behalf of pediatric patients and staff extending their thanks for the generous donation of toys.

City Clerk Herbers invited the public to view the pastels of Marlene Delugish, this month's Art on View artist, on display in the City Clerk's office.

City Clerk Herbers announced that L.A. County is looking for Election Workers for the November 3, 1998, election and that interested parties may call the City Clerk's office or the County Registrar's office.

Acting Planning Director Bihn announced that the Antique Street Fair in Historic Downtown Torrance will be held on Sunday, October 11, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that the Torrance Historical Society 1998 Fall Tour of Historic Homes will be held on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with the tour beginning at the Torrance Historical Society & Museum at 1345 Post Avenue.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 98-129 RE LARRY CHARLES DAVIS**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER
LARRY CHARLES DAVIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-129. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

To be presented at a later date.

6b. **RESOLUTION NO. 98-130 RE JOHN LOUIS SIBLEY**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER
JOHN LOUIS SIBLEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
CITY AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-130. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

To be presented at a later date.

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Rick Bongard declaring the week of October 4 through October 11, 1998, as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Torrance. Chief Bongard expressed sadness over the recent loss of two Orange County firefighters and commented on the importance of devising a home escape plan.

6d. **PROCLAMATION RE "CALIFORNIA RIDESHARE WEEK"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation to Commuter Transportation Consultant Kim Fuentes declaring the week of October 5 through October 9, 1998, as "California Rideshare Week" in the City of Torrance. Ms. Fuentes reported that the City's rideshare program has been very successful and thanked the Mayor and the Council for their support.

6e. **PROCLAMATION RE "GREAT CITY HALL TUNE IN WEEK"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation to Cable Television Administrator Michael Smith declaring the week of October 4 through October 10, 1998, as "Great City Hall Tune In Week" in the City of Torrance. Mr. Smith reported that this event culminates a yearlong effort to promote awareness of government access channels and encouraged residents to tune-in to City Council meetings on CitiCABLE 22.

6f. **PROCLAMATION RE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CULTURAL INVOLVEMENT TASK FORCE AND THE JAPAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION - SOUTH BAY REGION**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation recognizing the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Cultural Involvement Task Force and the Japan Business Association - South Bay Region to Lili Miura, Chair, Torrance/Japan Business Partnership Reception; Cliff Johnson, Vice President, Cultural Involvement Division, Chamber; and Hank Ide, President, Japan Business Association.

6g. **PRESENTATION RE AGNES DODD**

Mayor Hardison presented a plaque to Agnes Dodd, retiring Manager of the Torrance/Carson Employment Development Department, recognizing the valuable assistance she has provided over the past ten years to Torrance employers and residents, and her contributions to the community as a member of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) since 1989. Councilwoman Cribbs added her congratulations and stated that it had been a pleasure to work with Ms. Dodd on the PIC Policy Board. Ms. Dodd expressed her appreciation and introduced family members present at the meeting.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 8 AND SEPTEMBER 15, 1998**

7b. **INTERACTIVE KIOSK GRANT**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve participation in a Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) kiosk grant and appropriate an expenditure of \$17,700 in AB2766 for the City of Torrance's contribution to the grant.

7c. **FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 52303 - 22509 KENT AVENUE**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council approve final Tract Map No. 52303, located at 22509 Kent Avenue, which substantially conforms to and has met all conditions of approval of the tentative map.

7d. **FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 52420 - CRENSHAW BLVD AND PLAZA DEL AMO**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council approve final Tract Map No. 52420, located at the southwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Plaza Del Amo, which substantially conforms to and has met all conditions of approval of the tentative map.

7e. **JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT 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 authorize the execution of an agreement for employment and training services with El Camino Community College District for \$158,170.

7f. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR BUS WASH SYSTEM**

Recommendation

The Transit General Manager recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued in the amount of \$94,966, to Sherman Supersonic Industries Corporation, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, for the purchase and installation of a bus wash system for Torrance Transit.

7g. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR BUS VACUUM SYSTEM**

The Transit General Manager recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued in the amount of \$92,676.88, to Transmatic Environmental Systems, Wilmington, North Carolina, for the purchase and installation of a bus vacuum system for Torrance Transit.

7h. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR PETERBILT REFUSE TRUCKS**

Recommendation

The Acting Fleet Services Director and the Acting Street Services Director recommend that City Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$961,394 for six (6) Peterbilt Refuse Trucks as a sole-source purchase.

7i. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR REPLACEMENT TREES**

Recommendation

The Acting Street Services Director recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to Big 7 Nursery of Torrance, California, in the anticipated amount not to exceed \$67,000 for the sole-source purchase of replacement trees.

7j. **AMENDMENT TO TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FOUNDATION AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that City Council approve an amendment to the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation Agreement to extend the period of the Agreement for a period commencing October 6, 1998, and expiring June 30, 1999.

7k. **PURCHASE ORDER FOR MP5 CARBINES**

Recommendation

The Chief of Police and the City Manager recommend that City Council award a purchase order in the amount of \$81,533.03 to Trilex Weapons of San Jose, California, for the purchase of 51 Heckler & Koch MP5 carbines and supporting equipment.

7l. **TORRANCE ARTISTS GUILD DONATION**

Recommendation

The Cultural Arts Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director recommend that City Council approve the acceptance of a donation of \$2,000 from the Torrance Artists Guild, to be used in the following manner:

- (1) \$500 for visual arts scholarships of the Learning Center for Arts Excellence;
- (2) \$1,000 for new equipment or facility upgrades at the Joslyn Center; and
- (3) Appropriate \$500 for multidisciplinary activities of the "Coming to America" program.

7m. **CONTRACT RE COMMERCIAL WASTE REDUCTION ORDINANCE**

Recommendation

The Acting Street Services Director and the City Manager recommend that City Council approve a contract not to exceed \$40,533.50, for consulting services with Americlean Environmental Services, to develop the program to implement the recently adopted ordinance on commercial waste reduction efforts.

7n. **FINAL AS-BUILT QUANTITY PAYMENT RE MAPLE AVENUE/235TH STREET**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council approve an increase to Contract No. C97-182 with Palp, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company, in the amount of \$11,920.75 for a revised total contract amount of \$532,847.75 for final as-built quantities for the

Construction of Residential Street Resurfacing Program, 1996-97 (Maple Avenue/235th Street - Sepulveda Boulevard to Crenshaw Boulevard), B97-32.

7o. **PRAIRIE AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council approve an amendment to Agreement No. C96-097 with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc. for professional Engineering Services for the Design of the Prairie Avenue Street Improvements, in the amount of \$20,192.00, for a revised total agreement amount of \$410,218.00.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a through 7o. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilman Nakano abstaining on the approval of the minutes of September 15, 1998, due to his absence from the meeting (Item No. 7a).

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAWSUIT**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that City Council approve an additional appropriation of funds in the amount of \$90,000, \$50,000 from the Reserve for Litigation Account and \$40,000 from the reserved year-end carry-over for fiscal year 97-98. This will augment the existing purchase order with the law firm of Latham & Watkins for the defense of the City in the Department of Justice lawsuit, United States of America v. City of Torrance, et al., Case No. CV 93-4142 MRP (GHKx).

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

13b. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CIVIL SERVICE LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that City Council approve an additional appropriation of funds in the amount of \$100,000 from reserved year-end carry-over for fiscal year 97-98. This will augment the existing contract (C98-149) with the law firm of Latham & Watkins to represent fire department management before the Civil Service Commission in an appeal of a dismissal.

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

13c. **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that City Council approve an additional encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$35,000 from the City Attorney's General Support Legal Services account. This encumbrance will augment the existing contract (97-232) with the law firm of Rutan and Tucker to provide for general legal services for the Redevelopment Agency for the City of Torrance.

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

13d. **CELLULAR SERVICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

Recommendation

The Information Systems Department recommends that City Council reject all proposals received in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 98-34 to provide cellular service to the City of Torrance; that City Council approve the re-release of the cellular service RFP; that City Council extend the City's existing contract with Arjay Telecommunications to November 30, 1998; that City Council authorize an increase of \$9,000 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.

Councilman Lee announced that he was abstaining from consideration of this item because he has a business relationship with a principal in one of the companies that submitted a proposal.

Information Systems Director Jenno reported that only two proposals were received in response to the cellular service RFP, one of them with a repairable discrepancy; and that due to the lack of response from qualified vendors, the Information Systems Department was recommending that all bids be rejected and that the RFP be re-released.

City Attorney Fellows advised that one of the proposals had a technical irregularity that does not involve critical information, and that both proposals are valid.

In response to Councilman Walker's inquiry, Ms. Jenno explained that staff did not proceed with the evaluation process because of the limited response.

Councilman Walker stated that he is not in favor of rejecting legitimate proposals that meet the RFP criteria simply because competing companies are unable to complete their proposals on time and related his preference for proceeding with the evaluation of the two bids that have been received.

City Manager Jackson offered clarification that there was only a two-week response time for the cellular service RFP and typically vendors would be allowed four weeks to respond to an RFP of this complexity.

Councilman Nakano noted that since the two proposals have been made public, the companies that submitted them will be at a disadvantage if they have to go through the RFP process again, and indicated that he would tend to favor Councilman Walker's suggestion.

Responding to Councilwoman's Cribbs' inquiry, Ms. Jenno advised that considering the raw data only, the apparent low bidder is AirTel at approximately \$30,000 a year and the second bidder is Arjay Telecom at approximately \$50,000 a year. She stated that the AirTel price is more in line with staff's original cost projections.

Councilwoman Cribbs voiced her preference to reject the proposals and re-release the RFP, citing the relatively short time span allowed to respond. She stated that most cellular phone companies are aware of what the competition is charging and that the information disclosed in the proposals would not significantly affect the re-bidding process.

Mr. Arun Bhumitra, Vice President of Arjay Telecom, 23215 Hawthorne Boulevard, commented on the superior service he believes Arjay Telecom has provided to the City for the last year; questioned the accuracy of the rates in the AirTel proposal; and requested that the Council award the contract to his company.

Mr. Mauro Bologna, an Arjay Telecom employee, stated that customer service ranks very high on Arjay's priorities and that employees work hard to provide efficient service.

Ms. Jinder Chohan, an Arjay Telecom employee, voiced her opinion that it would be unfair to re-release the RFP now that Arjay's proposal is public knowledge.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to proceed with the evaluation of the two proposals that were received in a timely fashion; to extend the City's existing contract with Arjay Telecommunications to November 30, 1998; and to authorize an increase of \$9,000 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$60,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by a 4-1 roll call vote, with Councilwoman Cribbs dissenting and Councilman Lee abstaining (absent Councilman Messerlian).

13e. **ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AND SUBLEASE FOR TORRANCE MITSUBISHI**

Withdrawn (see page 2).

13f. **1998-2003 CITY OF TORRANCE CAPITAL BUDGET**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council concur with the changes to the City's 1998-2003 Capital Budget and amend the 1998-99 fiscal year appropriations for the Capital Budget.

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available at the meeting regarding this item.

City Manager Jackson advised that the two primary issues that had come up during the public hearing on the Capital Budget, the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library basement renovation and the median landscaping of Hawthorne Boulevard, had been addressed and were found to be achievable with some modifications to the 1998-2003 Capital Budget.

City Librarian Buckley provided clarification of the funds currently available for the basement expansion and emphasized that the proposed funding only covers Phase I of the library renovation project. Library Services Manager Reeder commented on staffing concerns and noted that the estimated cost of the project has increased by 25 percent since 1990 when the project was originally considered.

Councilwoman Cribbs observed that according to the staff report, the Civic Center Library reached capacity over ten years ago and expressed strong support for going forward with the project. She requested that a more definitive timeline be provided.

Library Services Manager Reeder indicated that the rough schematic plans that were drawn in 1990 are still viable, but the plans need to be updated to take into account additional space that might be needed for computers and other minor changes, and that finalization of the drawings and plans will take approximately six months.

Councilman Walker voiced support for moving ahead with the library basement expansion without delay.

Ms. Jamie Watson, Chairperson of the Library Commission, noted that the Civic Center Library has been at capacity for some time, that new technology has not replaced the book, and that additional space is needed for both books and computers. She thanked the Council for their support of this project.

Mr. Jim Cavouto, Torrance Library Foundation, stated that the foundation supports all three phases of the Civic Center Library's renovation and has received sizable contributions from private sources as a result of the project. He expressed his opinion that moving forward with this project will help motivate future contributions.

Ms. Carol Adams-Vernon, President of Torrance League of Women Voters, related her organization's support for the library project.

Ms. Helen Ball, Friends of the Torrance Library, stated that the Friends would like to add their support and encouragement to this long-awaited project.

Councilwoman Cribbs commended the Friends of the Torrance Library for their generous support of the City's libraries.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation regarding the changes to the City's 1998-2003 Capital Budget and the amendment of the 1998-99 fiscal year appropriations for the Capital Budget, changes include the renovation of Katy Geissert Library basement, median landscaping on Hawthorne Boulevard north of Del Amo Boulevard, and extension of paving of Madison Avenue to Eleta Drive, with funding provided by approval of Gascon-Mar lump sum payment, refunding of fire station Certificates of Participation, and savings in refunding of Police and Fire Certificates of Participation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

13g. **ADDITION OF FOUR PROJECT MANAGER POSITIONS - PUBLIC WORKS**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that:

(1) The following changes be made to the Engineering Department's 1998-99 operating budget:

Department Budget (General Fund)

- Add two (2) positions of Project Manager	\$ 179,818
- Add offset to salary reimbursement from annual funds available in infrastructure action plan	\$<179,818>
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Department Budget (Water Enterprise Fund)

- Add two (2) positions of Project Manager	\$ 179,818
- Add offset to salary reimbursement from annual funds available in infrastructure action plan	\$<179,818>
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(2) City Council concur with the short term use of consulting firms to manage certain first-year projects so as to maintain the targeted timeframes;

(3) City Council adopt a resolution setting forth the wages and benefits for Project Manager (an at-will position) and the job description for that position.

City Manager Jackson advised that, in response to a request to meet and confer, staff will be meeting with the Torrance Engineer's Association to discuss how the new positions will operate in relationship to current engineering positions as the process moves forward.

Mayor Hardison requested that the City Council be kept apprised of project manager assignments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 98-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-84 SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD STARTING JULY 5, 1998

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-131. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

13h. **CITY ATTORNEY PAY RATE**

Recommendation

Based upon performance review, the City Council hereby assigns the pay rate of \$12,918.36 per month to the City Attorney. This is within the current pay range set forth in Certain Management Resolution No. 98-79.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **VACATION OF ALLEY SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND WEST OF VAN NESS WAY**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that following the public hearing, City Council approve and adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of the alley south of Del Amo Boulevard and west of Van Ness Way and authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to said agreement on behalf of the City for closure and abandonment of the alley.

Engineering Director Burt reported that this is the third and final phase of the vacation of the alley/walk behind the homes south of Del Amo Boulevard and west of Van Ness Way.

City Clerk Herbers verified that the public hearing on this matter was properly advertised.

Mayor Hardison opened the public hearing. There being no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-132

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

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-132. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation that the City enter into an agreement with Surf Management to share the cost of one-time work needed to physically remove the alley improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

18a. **MEMORANDUM OF INTENT RE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES - AFSCME, LOCAL 1117 AND TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve the Memorandum of Intent (MOI) with the Torrance Municipal Employees - AFSCME, Local 1117 and the Torrance Library Employees Association.

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).

18b. **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE FIRST INSTALLMENT TO THE MITIGATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOMITA**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council appropriate \$460,551 from the General Fund and \$289,449 from the Reserve for Economic Development Infrastructure for a total amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of issuing the first payment to the City of Lomita as provided for in the Mitigation Agreement entered into on November 18, 1997, by and among the City of Torrance, the City of Lomita, and the Lomita Redevelopment Commission.

City Attorney Fellows advised that the need to take action on this matter arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda for this meeting and requested that the Council consider adding this item to tonight's agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to add the above-mentioned item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilman Messerlian).

City Manager Jackson reported that Price-Costco opened its warehouse store on September 24, 1998, making the first installment of the mitigation agreement due on October 8, 1998. He noted that funds have been received from Price-Costco pursuant to their agreement with the City, and the balance can be appropriated from the Economic Investment Infrastructure Fund.

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

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. Councilwoman Cribbs requested an update on the status of signage on the freeway for the Cultural Arts Center. City Manager Jackson reported that the City was having difficulty verifying that the center attracts enough visitors to merit signs on the freeway.

19b. Councilwoman Cribbs questioned whether the City had billed the people responsible for a recent hazardous waste accident.

19c. Councilman Lee stated that the Committee on Finance and Governmental Operations will be scheduling a meeting on the subject of campaign finance reform, revisiting campaign finance issues.

19d. Councilwoman O'Donnell thanked the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for their generous donation of 150 trees.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered out of order (see page 1).

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, October 13, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

*Adjourned in Memory of
Polly Watts and Debbie Barker Rolison*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance