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Adjourned in Memory of Robert "Bobby" Sanchez

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 6:04 P.M. on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

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Agenda Item No. 12a was heard out of order at this time.

12a. APPEAL RE LINDA HANSON

Recommendation

Linda Hanson was suspended for misconduct from her position as Bus Operator with the Fleet Services Department. The Civil Service Commission, following a hearing, sustained the 15-day suspension imposed by a representative of the City Manager. The employee has now appealed that decision to the City Council. The Civil Service Administrator recommends the appeal be heard by the City Council.

Mayor Hardison read aloud a prepared statement (of record) regarding the Appeal of Suspension of Linda Hanson, announcing that this hearing would be conducted in an open session.

On behalf of the City, Mr. David Larsen, Rutan & Tucker, Attorneys at Law, 611 Anton Boulevard, Fourteenth Floor, Costa Mesa, 92626-1998, offered to answer any questions the Council might have.

Neither the employee nor her representative were present.

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MOTION: In the appeal of Linda Hanson, Councilmember Lee moved to sustain the decision of the Civil Service Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:06 P.M., the Council entered into a closed session to discuss the matters listed on the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8.

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At 7:05 P.M. the Council returned to Council Chambers and the meeting reconvened in regular session.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

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

The invocation for the meeting was given by Marilyn Marr, First Church of Christian Science.

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At this time, Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired custodian Robert "Bobby" Sanchez.

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

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.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved that, after the City Clerk has read number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the agenda for this meeting, 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.

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

City Manager Jackson announced requests to continue Agenda Item No. 13c (Non-Disturbance Agreement for Robert Hollis and Cox Communication Co. on Property Located at 25202 Crenshaw Boulevard) to May 6, 1997 and Agenda Item No. 13f (Resolutions Modifying Certain Benefits and Languages) to April 15, 1997.

The Council agreed with the requests for continuance as shown above.

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5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Torrance Rose Float Ad Hoc Committee

Monday, April 7, 1997, 5:30 P.M., 3rd Floor Assembly Room

Councilmember Cribbs advised that the design for the 1998 Rose Parade float will be presented for the public's and Council's consideration in the near future.

Budget Workshops

Wednesday, May 28, 1997

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Thursday, June 5, 1997

All to be held at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **RESOLUTION NO. 97-38 RE PENE R. KOENIG**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-38.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-38. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER PENELOPE
REICHERT KOENIG FOR HER DEDICATION, PROFESSIONAL-
ISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Mayor Hardison announced that Resolution No. 97-38, honoring Pene R. Koenig for her dedication, professionalism and contribution to the City of Torrance throughout her 27 years of service, will be presented at a later date.

6b. **PROCLAMATION RE "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the month of April 1997 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the City of Torrance to Dr. Robert Laffey, President of the Exchange Club of the South Bay, who invited citizens to contact the Club for further information on their efforts in the area of child abuse prevention.

6c. **PROCLAMATION RE "CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the month of April as "Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Torrance to Mr. Gus Dalis of the American Cancer Society.

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

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 13 through 19, 1997 as "National Library Week" to Ms. Peggy Basile, Chairman of the Library Commission, who invited the community to attend functions at the Library, including the Friends of the Torrance Library Book Auction on Saturday, April 12, 1997, and upcoming "Turn Off the TV Week" activities.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 18, 1997**

7b. **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS RE ACCESS RAMP PROGRAM 1995-1996**

Recommendation

The Engineering Department recommends that the City Council:
(1) Accept the bid and award a contract to Kalban Inc., in the amount of \$107,876.19 and reject all other bids; (2) Authorize staff to prepare a standard contract; (3) Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to Execute and attest to said contract on behalf of the City; and (4) Appropriate \$20,000 in unallocated Gas Tax Funds for the construction of the Access Ramp Program along Carson Street, Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard (B97-12).

7c. **CONTRACT RE MINUTE SECRETARY SERVICES**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that the City Council approve \$6,000 to extend an agreement for minute secretary services on Purchase Order 74088 for Denise Bothe.

7d. **PURCHASE ORDER RE GROUNDWATER PUMPING ASSESSMENTS**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council approve a purchase order to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California in the amount of \$405,000 to cover groundwater pumping assessments levied by the Replenishment District for the balance of Fiscal Year 1996-1997.

7e. **PIC JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) AGREEMENTS**

Recommendation

It is the joint recommendation of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Personnel Director of the Personnel Department to authorize the execution of an agreement for the provision of customized employment and training services with Henkels & McCoy, Inc. for \$138,740.

7f. **AMENDMENT RE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of the first amendment to the 1996-1997 JTPA agreement with the City of Los Angeles. This amendment specifies extending the period of the agreement by six months to end on 6/30/97, adding \$568,000 to the agreement and increasing the participant service levels from 86 to 143 participants.

7g. **CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY**

Recommendation

The City Librarian recommends that the City Council accept and appropriate a donation of \$39,739.27 from the Friends of the Torrance Library for public-use microcomputers for Henderson Branch Library, El Retiro Branch Library, North Torrance Branch Library and Walteria Branch Library.

7h. **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MAPLE/235TH STREET**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the Council: (1) Approve an agreement with Dalcin Cummins Associates for Professional Engineering Services; and (2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to this agreement on behalf of the City for the Residential Resurfacing Program 1996-1997 (Maple Avenue/235th Street). Agreement amount not to exceed \$155,000.

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

With regard to Consent Calendar Item No. 7b (Access Ramps Program), Councilmember O'Donnell noted that access ramps will be constructed along Carson Street, Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard. She also noted that, with regard to Consent Calendar Item No. 7g (Friends of the Torrance Library Donation), the Friends of the Torrance Library donated approximately \$40,000 for 166 public-use microcomputers for Henderson Branch Library, El Retiro Branch Library, North Torrance Branch Library and WALTERIA Branch Library.

Concerning Consent Calendar Item No. 7e (PIC Job Training Partnership Act [JTPA] Agreements), Mayor Hardison asked staff to provide her with the local telephone number and address of Henkels & McCoy, Inc., who will supply customized employment and training services.

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **APPEAL RE LINDA HANSON**

Considered earlier in the meeting (see page 1).

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **TRANSMACHINE AND DONATION FROM AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO.**

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that the City Council accept the contribution of \$6,000 from American Honda Motor Co., concur with the concept of the TransMachine and approve the formation of a City team to continue its development.

General Services Director Tilden provided the staff report (per written material of record). In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Tilden supplied input regarding the anticipated funding of the TransMachine project. He advised that this would not be a City program; that it would be funded by corporations; that \$500,000 would include the total development cost; and that there is a time line for fund raising.

The Council discussed the importance of keeping in mind that funds are continually sought from the same sources, as well as possible accessibility and liability issues related to locating the TransMachine on the bridge over Torrance Boulevard.

General Services Director Tilden confirmed that staff will explore the issues of accessibility and liability.

The Council related its general support for the TransMachine concept, particularly since it would be in partnership with corporations, the Torrance Unified School District and the Southern California Regional Occupation Center (SCROC). The Council agreed to accept the \$6,000 funding from American Honda Motor Co. in that it would assist in obtaining some funding guidelines for the project. The Council pointed out that the City is not in a position to underwrite anything else at this time and asked that they be kept apprised as to the status of this project.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to concur with the staff recommendation. the motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13b. **CANDIDATES FOR CITIES OF THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that the City Council consider candidates to fill the unexpired term of the outgoing Alternate Representative to the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) from the cities in our area of Los Angeles County. The City Manager further recommends that the City Council instruct the Mayor with regard to supporting the nomination of Councilman Nakano for this position.

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material of record distributed at the meeting as follows: a letter addressed to Mayor Dee Hardison from Maxine B. Shaw, Council Member, Second District (dated March 24, 1997) and a letter addressed to Mayor Hardison from Councilmember Nakano (dated March 31, 1997).

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to nominate Councilmember Nakano to represent the cities of the Southwest Corridor as alternate on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison advised that she will represent the City at the vote for this position on Thursday, April 10, 1997, and, should Councilmember Nakano not be elected, she asked that the Council authorize her to nominate another Councilmember.

The Council agreed with Mayor Hardison's request.

13c. **NON-DISTURBANCE AGREEMENT**

Withdrawn (see page 2).

13d. **CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE EXTENSION**

Recommendation

A recommendation from the City Manager that the City Council adopt a resolution granting a six-month extension of the cable television franchise.

City Manager Jackson noted replacement material for this item distributed to the Council.

Assistant City Attorney Quale advised the Council as to the need for an urgency ordinance rather than a resolution for the six-month extension of the cable television franchise.

In answer to a question from the Council, Cable Television Administrator Smith advised that cable operators are not required to obtain input on the channels to be placed on the system; but, the City could strongly request that certain channels be added. He verified that extensions such as the proposed are not uncommon.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Ordinance No. 3434.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3434 as an urgency ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3434

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE EXTENDING THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE
OF PARAGON CABLE TELEVISION FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS
AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN URGENCY

13e. **CITY COUNCIL DARK NIGHTS**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that Council consider Tuesday, April 22, 1997, and Tuesday, April 29, 1997, as Council dark nights.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to approve Tuesday, April 22, 1997, and Tuesday, April 29, 1997, as Council dark nights. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison explained that various Councilmembers will be absent on April 22, 1997 and that the Council is typically dark on the fifth Tuesday of a month (April 29, 1997). She asked that an effort be made to inform the community that the Council will be dark on those nights.

13f. **RESOLUTIONS MODIFYING CERTAIN BENEFITS AND LANGUAGES**

Withdrawn (see page 2).

13g. **JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) AGREEMENTS**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Personnel Director of the Personnel Department to authorize the agreement for Larson Training Centers Inc. (C97-006) to be increased by another \$150,000.

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

16. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

16a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3433**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Ordinance No. 3433.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3433. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3433

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 75.1.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY STREET TREES

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

18a. **CONTRACT RE UPDATE OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Recommendation

The Planning Department recommends that the City Council authorize the execution of a contract with John Zinner, Consultant, to oversee the update of the Regional Transportation Plan on behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

Transportation Planner Buchman advised that the Council approved the receipt of funding from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the City to oversee this and authorized the City to hire someone to do this work.

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

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. City Manager Jackson announced Assistant City Attorney Quale's upcoming retirement. He noted that this will be the last Torrance City Council meeting which Mr. Quale attends in his capacity as Assistant City Attorney.

19b. Councilmember Lee asked staff to prepare an item for the Council's consideration at the first meeting in May relevant to banners at automobile dealerships.

19c. Councilmember Messerlian requested that staff obtain information with regard to the U-Haul trucks parked on vacant property at the corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

Mayor Hardison noted the City's on-going efforts to contact U-Haul and she suggested that the City's next step pertaining to this issue be determined.

19d. Councilmember O'Donnell invited interested parties to contact the Friends of the Torrance Marsh concerning Spring science camps.

19e. Councilmember O'Donnell extended invitations to a Torrance Historical Society bus trip to the Orange Empire Railroad Museum on Sunday, April 27, 1997.

19f. Councilmember O'Donnell commented on the new bus benches being installed on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard north from Pacific Coast Highway to Artesia Boulevard.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:07 P.M., the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss the matters listed on the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8. For additional Executive Session information see page 2.

At 9:09 P.M., the Council returned to Council Chambers and reconvened in a regular session. The following motion was offered.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the proposed settlements to be offered in Agenda Item No. 20.2.a (Ramon & Maria Valenzuela v. City of Torrance, LASC Case No. NCO18727) and 20.2.b (Joyce Wilson-Daye v. City of Torrance, LASC Case No. YCO25381). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:20 P.M., the Council adjourned to Tuesday, April 15, 1997, 7:00 P.M.

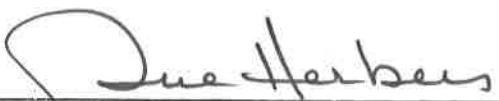
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Adjourned in Memory of Robert "Bobby" Sanchez.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance