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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 7:02 P.M. on Tuesday, April 15, 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, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers and other staff representatives.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Beach Cities Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron #107 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation for the meeting was given by Bishop Gary Kovacs, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

**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 WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

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5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budget Workshops

Wednesday, May 28, 1997

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

Thursday, June 5, 1997

5:30 P.M., Council Chambers

Councilmember Nakano announced that the Citizens Development and Enrichment Committee's plans to meet in the near future to discuss the proposed Natural History Center, noting that interested parties will be notified.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK"

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 13 through 19, 1997 as "National Volunteer Week" in appreciation of volunteers who have contributed over 110,000 hours of their time to the City of Torrance to Ms. Olivia Lopez, Management Assistant to the City Manager.

6b. RECOGNITION OF CITY OF TORRANCE VOLUNTEERS

The Council recognized and presented Certificates of Appreciation to volunteer representatives for each current volunteer area as follows: Dr. Patty Boge, Veterinary Disaster; Gwen Cash, Cable Services; Lue Elliott and Harold Simmons, Cultural Arts Center; Lisa Forsberg, Fire Department; Violete Galioto, General Services; Dawn Robinson, School Disaster Response; Johanne Keyzer, Planning Department; Rose Levy, Parks & Recreation; Barbara Samo, Farmers' Market; Chuck Logg, Torrance Amateur Radio Association; Randel McKechnie, Police Department; Richard Shinkle, Police Department Chaplains; and Tatia Strader, City Attorney.

On behalf of the Area G Veterinary Disaster Team, Dr. Patty Boge came forward to thank the City of Torrance for its support. She provided pamphlets on how to prepare your pet for a disaster.

6c. OUTGOING CITY COMMISSIONERS

The Council recognized and presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing City commissioners as follows: Lila Lee Barnes, Commission on Aging; Susan Gibbons and Matthew Skoll, Cable TV Advisory Board; Charlotte Kyes and Sally Stowe, Cultural Arts Commission; Cindi Hammond and James Cavuoto, Library Commission; John McGee, Parks & Recreation Commission; Robert Sanders, Jr., Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission; JoAnne Waller, Planning Commission; Herbert Richey, Traffic Commission; Kenneth Gaugh and John Wolcott (in memory), Water Commission; and Eleanor Brogdon (in memory), Community Services Commission.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES DAY"

The Council presented a proclamation declaring Tuesday, April 22, 1997 as "National Youth Services Day" to Ms. Sofia Martos, Chairman of the Torrance Youth Council.

6e. 1997 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES "MAYOR'S TROPHY" AWARD

Ms. Mary Hoffman, President of the Torrance Rose Float Association, presented a photograph of the City's award-winning 1997 Tournament of Roses Parade float.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Hardison expressed appreciation for the Association's efforts.

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Agenda Item No. 18a was considered out of order at this time.

18a. RESOLUTION NO. 97-49 RE ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY QUALE

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-49.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-49. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-49**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING WILLIAM G. QUALE FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Mayor Hardison announced that the resolution will be presented to Mr. Quale at his retirement celebration. The Councilmembers and staff extended their gratitude to Mr. Quale for his dedicated service to Torrance.

Mr. Quale voiced his great appreciation for having had the opportunity to serve the City.

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7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. CHANGE ORDERS RE WALTERIA AND CALLE MAYOR PUMP STATIONS

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that Council approve two construction change orders totaling \$80,184 for the construction of the Walteria and Calle Mayor Pump Stations Upgrade Project

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7b. PURCHASE ORDER RE SECURITY SERVICES

Recommendation

The Street Services Director and the City Manager recommend that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to provide security services at the City Services Facility for a period of one (1) year to Wells Fargo Guard Services of Paramount, California.

7c. EXPENDITURES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that the City Council approve expenditures for senior citizens' program excursions to Sparks, Jackpot and Mesquite, Nevada and Yosemite/Mother Lode Country.

7d. ENGINEERING PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that Council: (1) Approve an agreement; and (2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and City Clerk to attest to this agreement on behalf of the City to retain the consulting firm of Harris and Associates to provide Phase Two of Project Management and Administration Project.

7e. CURB, GUTTER & SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 1995-1996

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Engineering Director that the City Council: (1) Approve two change orders; and (2) Allocate \$440,000 from previously appropriated Gas Tax Funds to the contract for the construction of the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Replacement Program 1995-1996 (North Torrance) (C96-083) for additional work to complete the project.

7f. TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT 1996-1997

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that the City Council accept and file the Torrance Rose Float Association's Annual Report for 1996-1997 (1997 Float)

7g. CONTRACT RE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AB939 PROGRAMS

Recommendation

The Street Services Director recommends that the City Council approve a contract in the amount of \$34,200.00 authorizing the continued services of the American Environmental Services consulting firm to assist the City with further implementation of AB939 programs for commercial and multi-family recycling and preparation of the State-required annual AB939 report.

7h. TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT DESIGN FOR 1998

Considered separately (see below).

7i. ARMSTRONG THEATRE SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Recommendation

The General Services Director requests that the City Council approve the replacement of the sound system at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center James Armstrong Theatre and appropriate \$80,000 from the General Fund for this project.

7j. SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

The Fleet Services Director recommends that the City Council authorize the sale of surplus City vehicles.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a through 7g and 7i through 7j as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Consent Calendar Item No. 7h was considered separately at this time.

7h. TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT DESIGN FOR 1998

Recommendation

The City Council Ad Hoc Rose Float Committee recommends the design of "Mother Goose" for the City's float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 1998; and recommends an agreement between the City of Torrance and Fiesta Parade Floats for the design, construction, entry, display and operation of the Torrance float in the 1998 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Float Designers Raul Rodriguez and Tim Estes, Fiesta Parade Floats, presented the proposed "Adventures of Mother Goose" design for the City's entry in the 1998 Tournament of Roses Parade, the theme of which will be "Having Fun." They expressed appreciation for having the opportunity to work with the City of Torrance.

The Council voiced its agreement with the proposed design and the following motion was offered.

**MOTION:** Councilmember O'Donnell moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Discussion returned to regular agenda order.

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **CONTRACT RE COMPENSATION SURVEY**

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City award a contract to David M. Griffith and Associates, Ltd. to conduct a compensation survey and appropriate \$12,000 from the Reserve for Program Contingencies to fund the contract.

Personnel Director Winer advised that, should it be approved, the survey would include an analysis of the compensation for executive administrative staff, division managers and representative classifications covering supervisory and general employees.

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

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council direct staff to begin negotiations for successor Memorandums of Understanding with employee organizations.

Assistant to the City Manager Keanè presented the staff report (per written material of record). She invited the employee organizations to submit their proposals.



Mr. Ed Estrada, Torrance Police Officers' Association (TPOA), 22945 Arlington Avenue, explained that, according to a survey, Torrance Police Officers' salaries are far behind those in other cities. He voiced concern that the low pay for new recruits invites mediocrity; reminded the Council that the TPOA Memorandum of Understanding indicates that the City intends to maintain salaries and other components of the compensation packages at levels which will attract and maintain highly-qualified individuals; recommended that recruitment efforts be enhanced; and related the TPOA's hopes for a positive negotiation process for a contract which will benefit City residents and representatives and the Torrance Police Department.

Ms. Linda Cessna, serving as President of the Torrance Engineers' Organization (TEO) and representing the Coalition of City Employees, expressed high hopes for the upcoming negotiation process in coming to creative solutions which will benefit all.

Mr. John Jones, 1773 Atkinson Avenue, President of Torrance Management Employees' Organization (TMEO), related TMEO's desire to work in cooperation with City staff.

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

13b. **RESOLUTIONS MODIFYING CERTAIN BENEFITS AND LANGUAGE**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended by the City Manager that the Council adopt the following: (1) Supplemental Memorandums of Understanding (resolutions) for the Torrance Professional Parks and Recreation Employees' Organization (TPPREO) and the Torrance Management Employees Organization (TMEO); and (2) Resolutions for Unrepresented and Certain Management employees modifying certain benefits and languages.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane provided the staff report (of record).

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-40.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-40. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Linda Cessna, serving as President of the Torrance Engineers' Organization (TEO) and representing the Coalition of City Employees, related the Coalition's reservations relevant to this process in that the collective bargaining process is apparently not taken as seriously as it should be.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-40**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARKS & RECREATION  
EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL #1**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-84  
SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES,  
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED  
BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARKS & RECREATION  
EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-41.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-41. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-41**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL #2**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-74  
SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES,  
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED  
BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-42.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-42. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-42**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-140 GOVERNING  
EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR UNREPRESENTED  
EMPLOYEES

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-43.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-43**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-68 GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

13c. **RESOLUTION RE INCREASING PERS' CONTRIBUTION**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended by the City Manager that the Council adopt a resolution increasing the PERS' contribution for employees' and retirees' medical from \$16 per month to \$51 per month pursuant to the recently-adopted Memorandums of Understanding between the City and the Torrance Professional Parks and Recreation Employees' Organization (TPPREO), the Torrance Management Employees' Organization (TMEO), the Unrepresented employees' resolution and the Certain Management employees' resolution.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-44.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-44**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ELECTING TO FIX THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION (TPPREO), THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION (TMEO), THE UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES' RESOLUTION AND THE CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES' RESOLUTION

13d. **REALIGNMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**Recommendation**

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council approve the proposed realignment of the Office of the City Attorney.

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City Attorney Fellows noted supplemental material of record relevant to this item. He provided an overview of the staff report and, in answer to questions from the Council, he provided clarification regarding the proposed attorney positions.

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

13e. **SUPPLEMENTAL MOU - TORRANCE MGMT EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council adopt the supplemental Memorandum of Understanding (resolution) for employees represented by the Torrance Management Employees' Organization (TMEO) adding lateral opportunity for personnel language.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-45.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-45. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-45**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-74  
SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES,  
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED  
BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION

13f. **RESOLUTION NO. 97-46 RE ACCOUNTING PAY PREMIUM**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Finance Director that the City Council approve the addition of a temporary pay premium of 10% for the senior accountant in charge of accounting operations and financial reporting to expire no later than June 30, 1999 while so assigned.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-46.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-46**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-160  
SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES,  
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED  
BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL & SUPERVISORY  
ASSOCIATION**

**13g. ARCHITECT FOR WILSON PARK AND USE OF 1996 PROP A FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

The City Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment recommends that the City Council:

1. Concur in the hiring of John Baes Associates for the design of the gymnasium at Wilson Park;
2. Concur with the addition of the \$1,000,000 of the 1996 Prop A Specified Project Funds to the gymnasium construction budget and direct staff and the architect to develop a design that maximizes the usable space associated with the facility which may include a multi-use space, an outside plaza/patio space and provision within the gymnasium lobby/entrance area for the recognition of Olympic medal winners from the City of Torrance;
3. Concur in the expenditure of up to \$596,499 of the 1996 Prop A Discretionary project funds for improvements at Wilson Park, including the construction of three lighted tennis courts and related parking facilities, and the installation of perimeter landscaping improvements along Crenshaw Boulevard and Jefferson Street; and
4. Adopt the attached resolutions authorizing an application to the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A (1996) "Safe Neighborhood Parks" Specified and Discretionary Project Grant Program Funds to construct the gymnasium and other improvements at Wilson Park.

Councilmember Nakano, Chairman of the Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment, outlined the Committee's recommendations.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved to concur with the recommendations of the Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and ultimately passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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In answer to a question from the Council, Parks and Recreation Director Barnett provided input on the process for future construction of a new roller hockey rink at Wilson Park. He verified that the multi-use space and the outside plaza patio space will be considered separately from the gymnasium.

City Manager Jackson advised that, in conjunction with unfinished business relevant to the Master Plan of the Park, an item will be brought forward for the Council's consideration in the near future with regard to the removal of the old portion of Plaza Del Amo between Crenshaw Boulevard and Arlington Avenue.

Mayor Hardison related concerns expressed by tennis players about the lack of notification as to the Council's previous consideration of upgrades to the tennis courts and the construction of a new roller hockey rink at Wilson Park.

**The motion to concur with the staff recommendation passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-47.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-47. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 97-47**

A RESOLUTION BY THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
DISTRICT FOR PROPOSITION A (NOVEMBER 1996)  
"SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS" SPECIFIED GRANT  
PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A  
GYMNASIUM/SPORTS COMPLEX AT CHARLES H.  
WILSON PARK

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-48.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-48. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## RESOLUTION NO. 97-48

A RESOLUTION BY THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
DISTRICT FOR PROPOSITION A (NOVEMBER 1996)  
"SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS" PER PARCEL  
DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF LIGHTED TENNIS COURTS AND  
INSTALLATION OF PERIMETER LANDSCAPING  
IMPROVEMENTS AT WILSON PARK

The Council voiced its excitement that this project is moving forward noted input received from residents about possibly constructing a skateboarding park in Torrance.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett advised that staff will further look into the idea and report back to the Council.

### 13h. 1997-1999 BUDGET PREPARATION UPDATE

#### Recommendation

It is requested that the Council provide feedback and direction to the City Manager on the 1997-1999 budget process.

Information relevant to this item was provided by City Manager Jackson (per the staff report). He highlighted the budget strategies and the six areas on which the budget will focus. Mr. Jackson invited the community to participate in an upcoming budget town hall meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 1997, 7:00 P.M., in the Cultural Arts Center meeting room.

Councilmember Messerlian supported the budget process, the items included in the budget and the budget strategy of long-term forecasting to match revenue growth to continuing budget expenditures. He emphasized the value of listening to input provided by the community and recognizing the City's best business practices and improving any incompetence and using measurable goals. He entertained the idea of compiling a document explaining the budget priorities.

Councilmember Lee voiced his appreciation of the budget format and his agreement with the importance of it being user friendly. He suggested that the multi-family housing stock be examined to continue its contribution to the overall residential mix in the community. He stressed the need to continue examining the role of government to improve the efficiency of City services and to look at ways to recognize outstanding City employees and provide financial assistance to City employees who would like to live in Torrance.

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Councilmember Cribbs favored broad goals and she related her continued desire for a report on the status of the goals. She questioned why the department goals are distinguished from those in other cities.

City Manager Jackson advised that City departments have action lists on the things they would like to accomplish beyond the focus areas. He explained why the department goals are distinguished from those in other cities, verified that the idea of a home mortgage loan program for City employees is being examined and explained that, over the next couple of years, staff will examine how the goals were accomplished.

Councilmember O'Donnell commented on the importance of accomplishing goals and interacting with the entire region.

Councilmember Nakano related his appreciation of the goals to continue maintaining a safe and secure community and to address the specific needs of youth.

Mayor Hardison voiced her approval of the budget approach, which is somewhat of an expansion/implementation of the Strategic Plan, as well as an educational document. She discussed the need to inform the community of revenue sources, continue emphasis on youth, re-evaluate services provided to senior citizens and have broader goals.

18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

18a. RESOLUTION NO. 97-49 RE ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY QUALE

Considered earlier in the meeting (see page 3).

19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. City Manager Jackson offered input on the dedicated efforts of Assistant City Attorney Quale and extended best wishes to Mr. Quale in his retirement.

19b. At the request of Councilmember Cribbs, General Services Director Tilden and City Manager Jackson advised that discussions with Cal Trans regarding freeway signs for the Torrance Cultural Arts Center are in progress. They presented information on the status of the new sound system for the James Armstrong Theatre.

19c. Councilmember Lee provided insight as to his relationship with Assistant City Attorney Quale while serving on the Planning Commission. He wished Mr. Quale the best in his retirement.

19d. For Councilmember Messerlian, City Engineer Burtt advised that discussions are under way with Cal Trans concerning their notification process and the Hawthorne Boulevard road improvement project scheduled to begin in July 1997.

19e. Councilmember Messerlian expressed his appreciation of Assistant City Attorney Quale's dedicated service to the City of Torrance.



19f. Councilmember Nakano thanked those who supported him on his bid to serve on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board. He highlighted the importance of his small cities' representation.

19g. Councilmember O'Donnell commended the Citizen Development & Enrichment Committee's work pertaining to the idea of constructing a gymnasium at Wilson Park.

19h. Councilmember O'Donnell announced a Torrance Rose Float Association fund raiser to be held on Thursday, May 8, 1997, 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., at Russell's restaurant in Del Amo Fashion Center, with 25% of the proceeds going to the Association.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:31 P.M., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss the matters listed on the agenda.

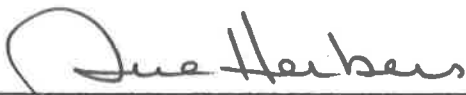
At 11:22 P.M., the Council returned to open session in Council Chambers.

No formal action was taken on any item considered in closed session.

21. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:22 P.M., the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, May 6, 1997, 5:30 P.M., for an executive session, to be followed by a regular session at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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Clerk of the City of Torrance