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May 6, 1997

**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 5:33 P.M. on Tuesday, May 6, 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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At this time, Agenda Item No. 20 was considered out of order.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:36 P.M., the Council entered a closed session to discuss the matters listed on the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b)(3)(c), 54956.9(c) and 54956.8.

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At 7:03 P.M. the Council returned to Council Chambers and the meeting reconvened in a regular session.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Girl Scout Troop #408, Gloria Rezek, Troop Leader, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation for the meeting was given by Father Patrick McHugh, Nativity Catholic Church.

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At this time, Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Councilman Messerlian's mother, retired Torrance Police Officer Jim Popp and Park Services Construction Supervisor Bill Johnson.

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 **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**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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Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available to interested parties concerning Agenda Item Nos. 7m (Donation from Mobil Oil for Summer Youth Employment Program), 11a (Creating new 1972 Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District) and 13c (City's Strategic Plan).

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5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Nakano advised that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee met on Monday, May 5, 1997 at 5:30 P.M. to discuss the National History Center. The committee will be presenting a recommendation at the May 20, 1997 City Council meeting.

Mayor Hardison noted that next week Torrance City Council will be meeting at 5:30 P.M. for a joint meeting with the Torrance Commission on Aging in the Third Floor Assembly Room.

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 Chamber

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 97-50
RE LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARLTON W. FULFORD, JR.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-50.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for adoption of Resolution No. 97-50. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARLTON W. FULFORD, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, FOR HIS PARTICIPATION AS THE GRAND MARSHAL IN THE 38TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE AND OBSERVANCE

6b. RESOLUTION NO. 97-39 RE VICTOR ROBERT GRIJALVA

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-39.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING POLICE OFFICER VICTOR ROBERT GRIJALVA FOR HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Mayor Hardison announced that Resolution No. 97-50, honoring Lieutenant General Carlton W. Fulford, Jr. in appreciation for his participation in the 38th Annual Armed Forces day parade as Grand Marshal, and Resolution No. 97-39, honoring Victor R. Grijalva for his dedication, professionalism and contribution to the City of Torrance throughout his 30 years of service, will be presented at a later date.

6c. PROCLAMATION RE "HIRE A VETERAN WEEK"

Council presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 4-10, 1997 as "Hire a Veteran Week" in the City of Torrance to Mr. Teo Babar, local Veterans Employment Representative.

6d. PROCLAMATION RE "LETTER CARRIER FOOD DRIVE DAY"

Council presented a proclamation declaring Saturday, May 10, 1997 as "Letter Carrier Food Drive Day" in the City of Torrance to Tom Jono, Postmaster of the Torrance Post Office; Wayne Pfeiffer, President of Branch 2207, NALC; Ms. Bobbie Harris, Customer Service Mgr. (Food Drive Coordinator); Nancy Haigh, Letter Carrier (Food Drive Coordinator); and Dave Johnson. Mr. Jono expressed the hope that everyone will participate in this food drive so that last year's total of 44,000 pounds of food will be surpassed, and this year's goal of 60,000 pounds will be met.

6e. PROCLAMATION RE "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the month of May as "Older Americans Month" in the City of Torrance to Muriel Brandt, Chairperson of the Commission on Aging.

6f. OLDER AMERICAN AWARDS FOR 1997

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director and the Commission on Aging recommends that City Council recognize Julius Loewenberger, Millie Pelton, and Frances Popovich as this year's recipients of the Older American Awards for 1997.

The Council recognized and presented plaques to Julius Loewenberger, Millie Pelton, and Frances Popovich as recipients of Older American Awards for 1997. Mr. Loewenberger was honored for his many hours of service as a Little Company of Mary volunteer dispensing coffee, humor, comfort and an occasional harmonica tune, boosting the spirits of patients and employees. Millie Pelton was recognized for her work with the AARP Tax Consultation Program for the Elderly. In 1996 alone, under Millie's supervision, 46 volunteers assisted nearly 1,900 persons with their tax returns at the Torrance site. Frances Popovich was honored for her work as a volunteer at Torrance Memorial Hospital for the past forty years. She is best known for her organization and chairmanship of the Mail Room where she has worked since 1977.

6g. TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORT

Chip Scholz, president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the Quarterly Report to the City of Torrance in a slide presentation (per record). As he comes to the end of his term, he noted that his goals had been met, and invited Council to attend the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, June 6 at the Hilton, and Installation, June 13 at the Marriott.

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Consent Calendar Item No. 7m was considered out of order at this time.

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7m. CONTRIBUTION FROM MOBIL OIL CORPORATION

Carolyn Keith, representing Mobil Oil Corporation, thanked Mayor Hardison, the City Council, City Staff and all involved for making this worthwhile program possible.

Mayor Hardison thanked Mobil Oil for the donation, and expressed the hope that other companies would follow their example and help provide summer employment for the young people of Torrance.

The recommendation for this item is included in the Consent Calendar (see page 7).

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7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 25, April 8 and April 15, 1997

7b. DISPLAY OF EMBLEMS AT THE GENERAL AVIATION CENTER

Recommendation

The Airport Commission recommends that the City Council approve the display of historical emblems in the rotunda of the General Aviation Center.

7c. DISPLAY RE COLLING'S FOUNDATION AT TORRANCE AIRPORT

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Airport Commission that the City Council: (1) Approve the Colling's Foundation to display their exhibit at Torrance Airport, Zamperini Field on May 16, 17, and 18, 1997; (2) Designate the Colling's Foundation exhibit as a special exhibit under Section 46.8.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code which exempts such events from aircraft noise regulations; and (3) Approve the Colling's Foundation to give flights for hire under the following parameters:

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| (a) | Friday, May 16, 1997 | 1 flight at dusk |
| (b) | Saturday, May 17, 1997 | 1 flight mid morning
1 flight mid afternoon
1 flight at dusk |
| (c) | Sunday, May 18, 1997 | 1 flight mid morning
Departure flight |

7d. **DISPLAY RE DOAK AIRCRAFT IMPELLER AT GENERAL AVIATION CENTER**

Recommendation

The Airport Commission recommends that the City Council approve the display of the Doak Aircraft Impeller on the airside of the General Aviation Center.

7e. **APPROVAL RE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Director that the City Council review and approve the proposed Risk Management Plan for the period of May 1, 1997 through July 1, 1999.

7f. **INSURANCE RE VENDOR CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS**

Considered separately (see page 8).

7g. **CONTRIBUTION FOR THE LIVING TREE DEDICATION PROGRAM**

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that the City Council accept donations totaling \$1,325 for the Living Tree Dedication Program, and appropriate the funds for program expenses.

7h. **CALTRANS CONTRACT INCREASE RE TRAFFIC SIGNAL**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Planning Director that the City Council approve minor changes in the contract with Caltrans for the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Skypark Drive and Hawthorne Boulevard. It is also recommended that the city's share of the signal costs be increased by \$19,025, and that this additional amount be appropriated from gas tax funds.

7i. **PURCHASE ORDER RE LUBRICATING OILS**

Recommendation

The Fleet Services Director recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$36,000 to Merrimac Petroleum, Inc., Long Beach, California, for the purchase of the City's annual requirement of various lubricating oils.

7j. **PURCHASE ORDER RE DIESEL POWERED TOW TRACTOR**

Recommendation

The Director of Fleet Services recommends that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for \$30,391.19 to Staben Equipment, Oxnard, California, for the purchase of a diesel powered tow tractor.

7k. **PURCHASE ORDER RE SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Fire Chief that the City Council authorize a purchase order be issued to Special "T" Fire Equipment Inc. of San Bernardino, California, for the sole source purchase of miscellaneous self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) replacement parts in the total anticipated amount of \$39,231.36.

7l. **STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITY FOR MARCH 1997**

Recommendation

The City's Statement of Investment Policy requires the City Treasurer to report a monthly statement of investment activity. The City Treasurer recommends that the City Council accept and file the subject report.

7m. **CONTRIBUTION FROM MOBIL OIL CORPORATION**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that the City Council accept a donation of \$100,000 from Mobil Oil Corporation and appropriate the funds for for the 1997 Mobil Green Team Summer Youth Employment Program.

Discussion on this item was held out of order (see page 5).

7n. RENEWAL PURCHASE RE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Personnel Director that the City Council approve the renewal purchase of excess workers' compensation insurance for the period May 1, 1997 to May 1, 1998.

7o. PURCHASE ORDER RE AUTO CITE HANDHELD COMPUTERS

Recommendation

The Acting Chief of Police recommends that the City Council authorize the issue of a sole source purchase order to Enforcement Technology, Inc., of Irvine, California, for the purchase of Auto Cite handheld computers, software, and peripherals, in the amount of \$76,970, plus a 10% contingency of \$7,697, for a total cost of \$84,667.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written, with the exception of Item No. 7f (Insurance Re Vendor Contracts and Purchase Orders) which was considered separately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

7f. INSURANCE RE VENDOR CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS

Recommendation

The Risk Management Committee recommends that the City Council approve policies and procedures regarding insurance requirements on vendor contracts and purchase orders.

Councilmember Lee stated that he would feel more comfortable with an insurance company that was rated at least a "B+" in Best's Key Rating Guide, as opposed to a "B." Risk Manager Sellers advised that was acceptable.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation stated in the Policies and Procedures Regarding Insurance Requirements on Vendor Contracts and Purchase Orders (of record) with the amendment that the required insurance be issued by an insurance company rated "B+" or better in the most recent edition of Best's Key Rating Guide. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

With regard to Consent Calendar Item 7b (Display of Historical Emblems), Councilmember Cribbs noted that she was a member of the 4th Air Force, when there was no separate Air Force, and is pleased the emblems will be displayed.

Concerning Consent Calendar Item 7d (Doak Impeller Display), Mayor Hardison commented that she had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Doak, who has generously donated several items to the Torrance Air Fair Association, and looks forward to them being on display.

11. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS

11a. NEW 1972 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Recommendation

The Planning Director recommends that the City Council retain the services of Willdan Associates to assist the City in creating a new 1972 Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District which augments the level of services provided by the retiring 1919 Street Lighting District without increasing the cost to property owners. It is further recommended that the City Council appropriate \$83,215 from the Street Lighting Assessment District.

Transportation Planner Helene Buchman presented the staff report (per written material of record).

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental information clarifying the need to go to a mail ballot and an updated time schedule, and sought reassurance that there will be no increase in assessment level to property owners.

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

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

Recommendation

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council appoint Patrick Sullivan to the position of Deputy City Attorney I, at step three.

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

13b. **REVISION OF CAR DEALERSHIP TEMPORARY SIGN ORDINANCE**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council:

- (1) Consider modification to the current car dealership temporary sign ordinance, Section 88.6.12, of the Torrance Municipal Code;
- (2) Direct Staff to bring back an ordinance amending the Car Dealership Temporary Sign Ordinance, pending concurrence with the recommended modifications; and
- (3) Direct Staff to develop permit fees associated with a revised sign ordinance.

Assistant City Manager Sunshine, in a slide presentation, discussed the recommendations of the Sign Sub-Committee to modify the temporary sign ordinance (per the committee report.)

Mayor Hardison questioned whether car dealerships would be willing to give up window signage in return for multiple banners and was advised that this was not covered in the proposed modifications.

Councilmember Messerlian requested the committee take into account all signs, including window signs, and to make sure there is uniformity in the amount of signage allowed to car dealerships and used car dealerships.

A representative of Scott Robinson Honda asked whether there was a limitation on the number of words used on a sign. Environmental Quality Officer Roelen advised there is no limitation, but simple, succinct wording would be encouraged.

Peyton Cramer, who served as a member of the committee, stressed the importance of being allowed to draw attention to the dealerships, but still maintaining a conservative approach.

Councilmember Lee voiced his support, reminding Council the income generated to the City by car dealerships was second only to department stores, and the importance of working with them to help maintain their visibility.

Jim Clark, Del Amo Dodge, stressed that dealerships must be allowed to get their message out to the public in this highly competitive business.

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

13c. REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that the City Council:

- (1) Review the progress made during the first 12 month implementation period on the City's Strategic Plan;
- (2) Review, modify, and concur with implementation steps for the next 12 month period; and
- (3) Set February 1998 as a target date for the next annual update.

City Manager Jackson reviewed the progress made in the first twelve months of the Strategic Plan and outlined plans for the future (per staff report).

Councilmember Lee stated he would like to see where the document has changed the direction of the operation of the City, or the goals and objectives of the City.

Councilmember Messerlian concurred with Councilmember Lee and further stated that he would like more information on what programs were created or modified in response to the Strategic Plan.

Mayor Hardison noted specific examples of accomplishments that were made as a direct result of the Strategic Plan. She suggested possibly two categories are needed; one for those that are a direct result of the Strategic Plan, and one for ongoing programs that reinforce the Plan. She stated she is very pleased with the Plan 's progress, and appreciates all the hard work involved.

Councilmember Cribbs suggested an updated report of the Strategic Plan's progress be sent to homeowners' associations and participants in the Plan. She also related her concern that the City was getting caught up in details and data and not addressing the broader, long-range goals of this Plan.

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

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Council recessed from 8:55 P.M. to 9:05 P.M.

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Agenda Item 19a was heard out of order at this time.

19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Bert Ladre, a teacher at Calle Mayor Middle School, stated that a student, Todd Sutton, was working on a merit badge and attended a Council Meeting last year and observed that the flag was displayed incorrectly according to the Flag Code. After extensive research, he has been unable to find anything to support of the way the flag is displayed in Council Chambers and requested that Mayor Hardison look into this matter.

Mayor Hardison replied that she would research the placement of the flag and promised to advise Mr. Ladre of the outcome.

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13d. AUGMENTATION OF TRANSIT STAFF

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Fleet Services Director that the City Council:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Fleet Services to begin the Request for Proposal (RFP) process with private sector providers of professional bus operator personnel in order to meet the ongoing operational needs of the Department and comply with the mandates of Title 13, California Code of Regulations (13 CCR Section 1212.5 (B) (2); (Maximum Driving and On-Duty Time);
- (2) Direct staff to return within six (6) months with a long-term solution to the staffing needs of the Transit Division of the Department of Fleet Services which could include ongoing staff augmentation utilizing contractual employees; and
- (3) Direct staff to continue the meet and confer process with appropriate employee representatives to discuss the implementation of methods to comply with the applicable state laws for maximum driving time for bus operators.

Fleet Services Director, Ralph Ishmael, presented the staff report (per written material of record). He emphasized this action is necessary to comply with the law and accommodate drivers' requests for time away from work.

Mayor Hardison questioned the number of authorized and filled positions.

Transit Administrator Whittle stated that attempts are being made to fill those vacancies, but that this wouldn't solve the problem. Absenteeism is very high due to industrial leave, illness and emergencies. He advised that the use of available staff is maximized, and additional staff is needed to comply with the 8/80 rule. Runs are being missed on almost a daily basis. Part-time drivers would provide needed flexibility to make immediate changes.

Mr. Ishmael noted that they are looking at ways to restructure the runs to be more efficient and avoid duplication as another means of finding a solution to this problem.

Eric Ford, AFSCME, spoke in opposition to contract workers, and stated his belief that the problem is due to significant understaffing, and that there are full-time drivers ready, willing, and able to fill the vacancies.

Pat Astredo, vice-president of AFSCME Local 1117, advised that the problems with Torrance Transit go beyond understaffing, and that the main problem is the inefficiency of the entire system and requested time to confer with management to work out a real solution.

In response to questions from Councilmembers, City Manager Jackson clarified the difference between part-time contract drivers, and city-employed part-time and temporary drivers. He also advised that temporary drivers can only work six months out of the year, and are therefore impractical.

Mr. Ford related his concern that management would be less likely to negotiate with the drivers once the decision to hire contract operators had been made and suggested each side come together with an open mind and attempt to find an innovative solution.

Councilmember O'Donnell commented that State Law must be complied with immediately, or a shutdown of the entire system is risked, which would cause hardship to both bus operators and the community.

Councilmember Lee voiced support for the measure as a short-term solution and expressed his opinion that contract workers may be a means of controlling costs, such as the cost of Workmen's Compensation and IOD.

Councilmember Messerlian stated he is in favor of the staff recommendation, and that the City has a duty to spend taxpayers' money wisely and efficiently, and he suggested the search for a long-term solution continue.

Mayor Hardison commented that system needs major revamping. She expressed the hope that both sides would get together and find a solution agreeable to both parties.

Councilmember Walker advised that he did not want to vote for the recommendation but felt he had no other choice. In view of all the problems with the system, he stated that in the near future the question may be: Will we have a bus system in Torrance at all? He questioned the safety of having bus operators drive 16-hour shifts and requested that Mr. Ishmael and everyone involved find a solution as quickly as possible.

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

13e. **NON-DISTURBANCE AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

The Land Management Team recommends that the City Council approve a non-disturbance agreement for the installation of communication antennas on the office building at 25202 Crenshaw Boulevard.

Chairman Ng, of the Land Management Team, presented the staff report (per written material of record), and advised that differences had been worked out and an agreement had been reached that protected the City's long-term interests.

Susan Aroonsivich, a representative of Cox Communications, thanked Mr. Ng and his staff for their help in working out a compromise.

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

13f. **RESOLUTION RE CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

Recommendation

The Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission and the Building and Safety Director recommend that the City Council:

- (1) Adopt Resolution 97-51, that awards the contract to Los Angeles County for a fee-for-service contract for two (2) years (FY 1997-98 and FY 1998-99) together with proposed fees;
- (2) Approve field services that are based on 65 hour net of in-city service per week;
- (3) Approve an estimated response time of 15 to 40 minutes for field service requests as specified; and
- (4) Approve one (1) free license for qualified seniors provided the dog is altered.

Building and Safety Director Isomoto presented the staff report (as per written record). He described the bidding process and negotiations, and advised that problems with telephone communications have been resolved with the County.

Councilmember O'Donnell related that she had had complaints of improper advice being given in regard to sick and injured animals. In response Frank Andrews, Los Angeles County Animal Control, recommended that any complaint should be brought directly to his attention.

Mayor Hardison commented that most of the complaints she received were related to difficulty getting through on the 800 number and the length of response time, although complaints have been few and far between this fiscal year.

Mr. Andrews advised the Mayor that the 800 number has been discontinued, and calls are now received at a local number in Carson. A new Safety Squad will be set up to sweep parks where gang activity is a problem, and other improvements are in progress. A new program will provide free spaying of the mother when a litter is brought into the shelter.

Councilmember O'Donnell was pleased to note that one free dog license will be given to qualified seniors.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud Resolution 97-51 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 97-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR POUND SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-51. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendation to approve field services that are based on 65 hour net in-city service per week; to approve an estimated response time of 15 to 40 minutes for field service requests as specified; and to approve one (1) free license for qualified seniors provided the dog is altered. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

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At 10:24 P.M., the City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 10:26 P.M., and consideration of regular Council business was resumed.

19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. This item was considered out of order (see page 12).

19b. Councilmember Lee reminded Council that Armed Forces Day is May 17th, and he expressed his hope that there would be a large crowd for the Parade.

19c. Fire Chief Adams invited everyone to Fire Service Day, Saturday, May 10th. There will be open house from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at all fire stations, and special demonstrations at Wilson Park.

19d. Councilmember Nakano excused himself from the matter of Ruffin v. City of Torrance, LASC Case No. NC 01905, Item 20 (2)(b), due to his membership on the Metropolitan Transit Authority on advice of Counsel.

19e. Councilmember O'Donnell invited people to attend the Torrance Rose Float Association Fund-raiser at Russell's on Thursday, May 8 as 25% of the proceeds would benefit the Association.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:30 P.M. the Council recessed to a closed session to discuss matters listed on the agenda pursuant to California Government code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b)(3)(c), 54956.9(c) and 54956.8.

At 10:48 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 10:48 P.M. the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, May 13, 1997, 5:30 P.M., for a meeting with the Torrance Commission on Aging, to be held in the Third Floor Assembly Room, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

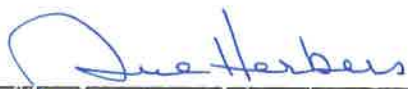
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Adjourned in Memory of Mrs. Messerlian, Jim Popp and Bill Johnson

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance