

June 3, 1997

**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 meeting at 5:35 p.m., on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, in the Council Chambers for the purpose of conducting the Second Workshop Session for consideration of the City Manager's proposed 1997-99 Budget.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

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

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At 6:50 p.m. the Second Budget Workshop was adjourned and the City Council reconvened at 7:10 p.m. in regular session.

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**2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gloria Jacobs, President of the Riviera Garden Club.

Father John O'Byrne of St. Catherine Laboure gave the invocation for the meeting.

**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.

**MOTION:** Councilman 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 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.

**4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

Mr. Jackson advised that Agenda Item Nos. 7l (Taxicab Permit and Fare Structure) and 13a (Acquisition of Sartori Property) were withdrawn, as well as Item No. 4a on the Redevelopment Agency Agenda, and asked that Agenda Item No. 7i (Appropriation Re 190th Street Corridor Improvements) be taken off the Consent Calendar and considered jointly with Item No. 9a (Resolution Re 190th Street Corridor Improvements). It was so ordered.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Budget Workshop**

Thursday, June 5, 1997  
5:30 p.m. Council Chambers

**Budget Hearings**

Tuesday, June 10, 1997  
Tuesday, June 17, 1997  
7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

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Item No. 18 was considered out of order.

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**18. ADDENDUM MATTERS**

**18a. RESOLUTION NO. 97-66 RE MIKE LYNN**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution 97-66.

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-66. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-66**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MIKE LYNN AS THE  
RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE 1997 J. WALKER OWENS OUTSTANDING  
VOLUNTEER AWARD

**18b. RESOLUTION NO. 97-67 RE KEVIN PETERSON**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution 97-67.

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-66. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-67**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE COMMENDING KEVIN PETERSON AS THE  
RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE 1997 GEORGE M. WHITTLESEY AWARD

**18c. RESOLUTION NO. 97-68 RE JOHN BRAMHALL**

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution 97-68.

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-68. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-68**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE COMMENDING JOHN BRAMHALL AS THE  
RECIPIENT OF THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE 1997 DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

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**6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

**6a. PROCLAMATION RE "NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK"**

The Council presented a proclamation declaring the week of June 1 through June 7, 1997 as "National Garden Week" in the City of Torrance to Gloria Jacobs, president of the Riviera Garden Club, and Edith Dee, a member of the club. Ms. Jacobs mentioned that the club maintains the planting area at Rocket Ship Park and the City of Torrance marker at Pacific Coast Highway and Palos Verdes Drive and thanked the Council for acknowledging the club's efforts to beautify their homes and community.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 13, 1997**

**7b. WEST HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER FEST**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends that the City Council waive all license and business fees for the West High School Summer Fest.

**7c. YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION TO TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation**

The Torrance Youth Council recommends that the City Council approve a \$5,000 donation from the Torrance Youth Council Donation Fund to the Torrance Rose Float Association and authorize the Staff Liaison to issue a warrant on the Youth Council's behalf.

**7d. YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION TO “BEAT THE ODDS” HONOREES**

**Recommendation**

The Torrance Youth Council recommends that the City Council approve a \$5,000 donation from the Youth Council Donation Fund to five “Beat the Odds” honorees and authorize the Finance Director to issue the warrant.

**7e. PURCHASE ORDER RE TRANSIT COACHES**

**Recommendation**

The Fleet Services Director recommends that the City Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$1,413,494.43 for six (6) 40-foot transit coaches as a special opportunity purchase.

**7f. SKATEBOARD LIABILITY LEGISLATION**

**Recommendation**

The Personnel Director and the Parks and Recreation Director recommend that the City Council:

- (1) review the analysis of proposed legislation Assembly Bill 1296, Skateboarding Liability;
- (2) concur with staff’s recommendation to support the proposed Bill; and
- (3) direct staff to forward a letter of support to the State Legislators.

**7g. REVISED DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council adopt the revised Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for projects receiving funds from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), rescinding the existing DBE Program approved June 25, 1991.

**7h. WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM SETTLEMENT GUIDELINES**

**Recommendation**

The Personnel Director recommends that the City Council review and approve the proposed workers compensation claim settlement authority guidelines.

**7i. 190TH STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Considered separately (see page 6).

**7j. PURCHASE ORDER RE MEDICAL GROUP OF TORRANCE**

**Recommendation**

The Personnel Director recommends that the City Council approve the reallocation of funds for medical services on the 1996-97 Fiscal Year purchase order with the Medical Group of Torrance.

**7k. PURCHASE ORDER RE OCEAN NETWORK CO., INC.**

**Recommendation**

The General Services Director recommends that the City Council approve the substitution of computer graphic workstations instead of the photo equipment that was approved in the 1989-90 Capital Improvement Budget in the amount of \$25,000, and authorize a purchase order to Ocean Network Co., Inc. of Walnut, CA in the amount of \$21,027.56.

**7l. TAXICAB PERMIT AND FARE STRUCTURE**

Withdrawn (see page 2).

**MOTION:** Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7j and 7k (Item 7i was considered separately and Item 7l was withdrawn). The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

In reference to Item No. 7f, Mayor Hardison commented that by supporting the Skateboarding Liability Bill the City was not opposing skateboarders but merely trying to find a way to provide places where young people can skateboard safely without exposing cities to litigation.

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Consent Calendar Item No. 7i and Item No. 9a were considered concurrently.

**9. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

**9a. RESOLUTION NO. 97-65 RE 190TH STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

**Recommendation**

The Engineering Director recommends that the city Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to Program Supplement No. M001 to Administering Agency-State Agreement No. 07-5249 with Caltrans for Federal-Aid funds for 190th Street Corridor Improvements. Ref.: Bid No. B97-23

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution 97-65.

**MOTION:** Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-65. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-65**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. M001 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5249 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**7i. APPROPRIATION RE 190TH STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

**Recommendation**

The Engineering Director recommends that the City Council:  
(1) accept the bid from and award a contract to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company (Excel) in the amount of \$2,323,197.65;  
(2) reject all other bids;  
(3) authorize staff to prepare a standard contract;  
(4) authorize Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the contract on behalf of the City; and  
(5) appropriate \$375,000 from Water Revenue Funds to finance water system improvements included with the project, for construction of 190th Street Corridor Improvements, including the intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. Ref.: Bid No. B97-23, Federal No. STPL-5249 (003)

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

**13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**13a. ACQUISITION OF SARTORI PROPERTY**

Withdrawn (see page 2).

**13b. PROPOSITION 208 - CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

**Recommendation**

The Ad Hoc Legislative Committee recommends that the City Council:  
(1) concur in the repeal of Chapter 7, of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code dealing with Campaign Contributions Limits; and  
(2) consider adopting a voluntary spending limit not to exceed \$1.00 per resident as stated in Proposition 208 Section 85400(c).

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine presented the committee's report (per written material of record) and indicated that since cases regarding the voluntary spending limits will be heard on October 15, 1997, the Council may wish to delay action on the second part of this recommendation to see what effect these rulings may have.

Having studied this legislation, Councilman Walker provided clarification as to the Proposition's effect on prior campaign debts. Deputy City Attorney Whitham advised that some interpretations of Proposition 208 by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) are being reconsidered and modifications may be forthcoming.

There was discussion among Council members as to whether action on voluntary spending limits should be delayed, awaiting clarification by the FPPC and/or Court decisions. City Attorney Fellows recommended positive action be taken now to establish voluntary spending limits, noting that changes can be made in the future if warranted. For Councilman Lee, Mr. Fellows confirmed that should Proposition 208 be struck down the previous ordinance could be reinstated.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved to concur with the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**MOTION:** Councilman Walker moved that the City Council adopt a voluntary spending limit not to exceed \$1.00 per resident. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

### 13c. **PROPOSED LEGISLATION OF THE 1997-98 SESSION**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Manager and the Finance Director recommend that the City Council: (1) review the analysis of proposed legislation; (2) concur with the staff's recommendation to support or oppose proposed bills; and (3) direct staff to forward letters of support or opposition to the State Legislators.

Finance Director Tsao presented the staff report (per written material of record). In response to Councilman Messerlian, City Manager Jackson advised that these recommendations were being made in an effort to take a proactive approach to pending legislation affecting the City.

Mayor Hardison expressed reservations concerning the opposition of Assembly Bill ACA 10, commenting that allowing cities to share sales tax revenues may be preferable to other options being discussed in the Legislature, and suggested that the Council take a neutral position pending further investigation.

**MOTION:** Councilman Messerlian moved that the City Council support Assembly Bills AB1, ACA 4 and AB 95 and take no action on Assembly Bill ACA 10 at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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At 7:47 p.m. the City Council met concurrently as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. Regular Council agenda was resumed at 7:50 p.m. in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency.

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**18. ADDENDUM MATTERS**

Items 18a, 18b and 18c were considered earlier in the meeting (see page 2).

**19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. City Manager Jackson commended staff for the success of the Open House at the City Yard and, in response to Mayor Hardison, noted that it will be an annual event held on the last weekend in May.

19b. Councilman Messerlian called attention to the City's receipt of \$52,000 for curbside recycling.

19c. Councilman Messerlian requested information on the Los Angeles Police Department Jeopardy Program.

19d. In response to Councilman Nakano, Planning Director Ferren advised that the contract was recently signed and installation of flashing signals at 164th and Van Ness, as well as 237th and Arlington, would begin next week.

19e. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that Rabies Prevention Clinics will be held jointly by the City of Torrance and Los Angeles County Animal Control on June 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Torrance Park and June 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at McMaster Park. Further information available by calling 618-5924 or 523-9566.



**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:56 p.m. the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(b), and 564956.95(b).

At 9:15 p.m. the Council returned to open session in Council Chambers.

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

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:15 p.m., this meeting was formally adjourned to Thursday, June 5, 1997, at 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers to conduct a Third Budget Workshop.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Clerk of the City of Torrance