

June 5, 1997

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE TORRANCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council and the Torrance Redevelopment Agency convened in an adjourned regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 5, 1997, in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall for the purpose of conducting the Third 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 Fellow,
City Clerk Herbers, and
staff representatives.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. There being no objection, Mayor Hardison so ordered.

4. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS WORKSHOP

City Manager Jackson called attention to Supplementary Material #3 for the Budget Workshop, noting that it contains responses to questions posed by Council and community members at the last workshop and additional information about the proposed reorganization of the General Services Department and the Parks & Recreation/Street Services Department streetscape services. Assistant City Manager Giordano highlighted the proposed reorganizations, advising that they would be formally presented at the June 10, 1997 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Jackson emphasized that the streetscape proposal contains major changes in the street tree policy for residential areas of the City, providing for the trimming of trees on a regularly-scheduled basis with exceptions made only for safety hazards, and allowing residents to replace trees at their own expense or have them trimmed by City-approved contractors.

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5. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION

In response to Mayor Hardison, Mr. Jackson advised that the salary survey for the theater manager position at the Cultural Arts Center will be completed in two weeks, and if the proposed compensation for that position proves inadequate, an adjustment will be brought to Council at that time.

Councilman Lee announced that there will be a Finance and Governmental Operations Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 1997, at 5:30 p.m. dealing with the request for additional funding by the Torrance Conference and Visitor's Bureau.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Noting her investment of many volunteer hours, Ms. Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia, requested the Council's continued support of the Cultural Arts Center and objected to its being termed a "rental operation." Councilman Lee clarified the term and provided reassurance that presenting cultural arts to the community continues to be the center's emphasis.

Mr. John Tootle, vice-president of the Dominguez Water Co., informed the Council that his company (currently serving about 25 percent of Torrance) would like to enter into joint-partnership with the City water department to lower the overall long-term cost of water to Torrance residents. In response, City Manager Jackson stated that he had been contacted by other water agencies and that this is an area currently being explored. Mayor Hardison commented that in the past agencies proposing to supply water to the City have failed to address the replacement of the infrastructure, a source of past rate increases.

Ms. Shirley Turner, Friends of Madrona Marsh, stated her opinion that funds derived from classes given at the marsh should not be used to offset the naturalist's salary but rather be reserved for the marsh.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND DIRECTION - STRAW VOTE

7a. PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the proposed program modifications to the General Fund.

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the proposed program modifications to the Enterprise Funds.

7b. DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURES

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the proposed restructuring of the City Manager's Office.

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the proposed restructuring of the Employment and Training Department.

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Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the proposed restructuring of the Transit Department.

7c. GENERAL FUND SUBSIDIES

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the proposed General Fund subsidies for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Cultural Arts Center.

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the proposed General Fund subsidy for the Self Insurance Fund.

7d. FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 CARRY-OVER

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the recommended use of Fiscal Year 1996-97 Carry-over for 1997-98 Operations, Capital Outlay, and replenishing of Economic Development Reserve.

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the recommended use of Fiscal Year 1996-97 Carry-over for Program Additions.

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the recommended use of Fiscal Year 1996-97 Carry-over for ISD Capital Projects.

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the recommended use of Fiscal Year 1996-97 Carry-over for the third installment of the Fire Apparatus Replacement.

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the recommended use of Fiscal Year 1996-97 Carry-over for Aerial Photography.

Straw vote reflected a 7-0 vote to concur with the recommended use of Fiscal Year 1996-97 Carry-over for the funding of the Battalion Chief for one more fiscal year.

In response to Mayor Hardison, Finance Director Tsao confirmed that there are undesignated funds (estimated at this time awaiting the exact figure at the close of the fiscal year) available for future capital projects.

8. CLOSING REMARKS

City Manager Jackson stated that the 1997-99 Budget would be prepared, incorporating changes and modifications discussed at the Budget Workshops, with Budget Hearings scheduled to begin June 10.

9. ADJOURNMENT


At 6:25 p.m., this meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, June 10, 1997, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers for an Executive Session with the regular City Council Meeting to commence at 7:00 p.m.

**Sue Sweet
Minute Secretary**

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

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