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**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 5:35 P.M. on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Lee.

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

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

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(b) and 54956.9(c), the Council recessed into a closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the matters listed under Items 20.a.(1), "Conference with Labor Negotiator," and 20.a.(2), "Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation."

At 7:30 P.M., the Council returned to Council Chambers and the regular meeting convened.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #310, Bruce Maass, Scoutmaster.

Reverend Nancy Johnson, Cathedral of Life and Torrance Police Chaplain, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs 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 Messerlian and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilmember Lee).

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved that, after the City Clerk has read number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the

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right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilmember Lee).

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

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At this time, Mayor Hardison noted supplemental written material of record available at the meeting with regard to Agenda Item Nos. 7a (Minutes of June 17, 1997), 7b (AB320 Re Restorative Justice), 7c (Cultural Arts Festival), 7d (Agreement Re Laptop Computers), 7e (Purchase Re Mobile Digital Computer Docking Stations), 13a (Torrance Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan) and 13b (Award of Contract for Banking Services).

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5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee

Tuesday, July 15, 1997, 5:30 P.M., Third Floor Conference Room
Subject: Debriefing of 1997 Armed Forces Day Parade

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Tuesday, July 22, 1997, 5:30 P.M., Third Floor Assembly Room
Subject: Visitors Bureau Request for Additional Funding

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **APPOINTMENTS RE PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the Private Industry Council Policy Board that the City Council appoint and officially swear in six appointments to the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council.

Supplemental written material of record included a July 8, 1997 memorandum addressed to the City Council from the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) regarding the PIC appointments.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the approval of the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

The following PIC appointees were sworn in by City Clerk Herbers: Mr. Jim Vigneau and Dr. Elizabeth Nash. The other appointees will be sworn in at a later date.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 17, 1997**

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7b. **AB320 RE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Acting Police Chief that the Council:

1. Review the analysis of proposed legislation, Assembly Bill 320, Restorative Justice Bill;
2. Concur with staff's recommendation to support the proposed bill; and
3. Direct staff to forward to the State Legislators letter(s) of support for AB320.

7c. **CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL**

Considered separately (see page no. 4).

7d. **AGREEMENT RE LAPTOP COMPUTERS**

Considered separately (see page no. 5).

7e. **PURCHASE OF MOBILE DIGITAL COMPUTER DOCKING STATIONS**

Recommendation

The Acting Police Chief recommends that the City Council authorize that a purchase order be issued to L & E Mobile Computer Mounts, Incorporated, in the anticipated amount of \$43,217.98, plus a 10% contingency, for a total of \$47,539.78, for the sole source purchase of fifty-five (55) police mobile digital computer docking stations.

7f. **CONTROL VALVES AT CRENSHAW/SKYPARK INTERSECTION**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the Engineering Director that Council: (1) authorize a Change Order in the amount of \$112,800 to the Joint Torrance/Lomita Crenshaw Boulevard Street Rehabilitation from Lomita Boulevard to South of Sepulveda Boulevard for the installation of control valves to the water main transmission line at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Skypark Drive, and (2) Increase the appropriation in the amount of \$8,270 to the Miscellaneous Water Main Relocation Project, which has a current balance of \$104,530.

7g. **AGREEMENTS RE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council

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(PIC) and the City of Torrance Human Resources Director that agreements for the provision of employment and training services with El Camino College -- Business and Entrepreneur Success Training program (BEST), The Right Way Computer Training Centers, The Helms Group and Mobil Oil Corporation be executed.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7a, 7b, 7e, 7f and 7g. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

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Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7c and 7d were considered separately at this time.

7c. **CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL**

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that the City Council concur with a recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission to co-sponsor a Cultural Arts Festival with the Arts Council of Torrance on August 16, 1997 and to waive rental fees and staff costs estimated at \$1,500.

In answer to inquiries from the Council, General Services Director Tilden verified that staff will encourage the Youth Council to become involved in this event.

The Council noted that a multi-cultural event for children will be held the day before the subject event and that the Youth Council could also be invited to help at it.

Parks & Recreation Director Barnett advised that staff will provide input on any plans the Youth Council might have to hold an event similar to the proposed in the future. He confirmed that the Youth Council will be informed of both events.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the approval of the staff recommendation with regard to Consent Calendar Item No. 7c. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilmember Lee).

7d. **AGREEMENT RE LAPTOP COMPUTERS**

Recommendation

The Acting Police Chief and the City Manager recommend that the City Council concur with the following: That Council approve the negotiated agreement with Motorola Corporation that calls for the return of twenty Itronix laptops and associated hardware and software and the purchase of forty Panasonic laptops.

The Council voiced concern that Motorola might not be able to support the Panasonic laptop computers; entertained the idea of delaying payment to them until

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Motorola's ability to do so is demonstrated; and commented on compatibility difficulties with computer equipment.

Police Lieutenant Besse explained that staff's is very comfortable with the choice of the Panasonic laptop computers; that Motorola is contractually obligated to support them with the equipment they have installed; that a more flexible payment schedule could be negotiated in future Motorola contracts; and that additional laptop computers over and above those included in the subject agreement would be purchased outside of Motorola.

City Attorney Fellows advised that the payment schedule with Motorola is very aggressive and there probably is not much left to hold back and that doing so would violate the terms of the contract unless it is re-negotiated.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved for the approval of the staff recommendation with regard to Consent Calendar Item No. 7d. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison (absent Councilmember Lee).

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Discussion returned to regular agenda order.

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **PURCHASE OF DISABILITY INSURANCE FOR NON-SAFETY EMPLOYEES**

Recommendation

The Personnel Director recommends that the Council authorize the City Manager to approve the purchase of a short-term disability policy for an amount not to exceed \$68,084 and a long-term disability policy for an amount not to exceed \$170,472 for a total of \$238,556 to cover non-safety employees for a one-year period beginning no later than August 1, 1997. Funds are available in the Fiscal Year 1997-1998 budget.

Personnel Director Winer advised that this policy would replace the City's current self-insured program and would provide a higher level of insurance for City employees. She voiced her appreciation of staff members who assisted with this matter.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the approval of the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **CULTURAL ARTS CENTER CULTURAL PLAN**

Recommendation

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The General Services Director recommends that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission to approve and accept the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan.

General Services Director Tilden provided background information on the development of the Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan.

Councilmember Nakano noted that martial arts, which is both an art form and a sport, was not included in the Plan.

Mr. Tilden affirmed that, should the Plan be approved by the Council, martial arts will be included in its implementation (which will be a five-year process) and that the Council will be updated on the implementation of the Plan on an annual basis.

Having served on the Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan Steering Committee, Councilmember Cribbs explained that there was a definite effort to contact multi-ethnic groups and include various art forms and potential users and that the Plan is only a basis from which a prospective Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan could come forward. Councilmember Cribbs suggested that "Goal 14" Section 14.2 of the Plan be modified to add the following: "Designate the Cultural Arts Commission as the advisory agency to the City Council." She expressed her appreciation of the Steering Committee's efforts.

Councilmember Walker called attention to a letter pertaining to this item from Mr. John Bramhall containing many worthwhile suggestions, particularly the idea of developing a cap on the amount of money requested by the City for reservations, especially for non-profit organizations having good standing.

General Services Director Tilden advised that an item will be brought forward for the Council's consideration in the near future to address that issue. He confirmed that both the Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan and the City's business strategy tie into the City's Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Messerlian also voiced his appreciation of the Steering Committee's efforts in developing the Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan. With regard to "Goal 1" Section 1.1, he related his hope that the leadership roles will be further clarified in the future.

Mayor Hardison drew attention to the continuing need to ensure that community and professional use are balanced.

City Manager Jackson advised that recommended modifications to the City's Business Plan to address financial issues pertaining to deposits and reservations will be presented for the Council's consideration in the near future.

Dr. Owen Griffith, President of the Torrance Arts Council and member of the Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan Steering Committee, 3416 W. 229th Street, commended all involved in the development of the Plan, the value of which he commented on.

Serving on both the Cultural Arts Commission and the Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan Steering Committee, Ms. Chris Aihara (no address provided) pointed out that the Plan can grow as the efforts and accomplishments grow. She apologized for the omission of martial arts and stated her agreement with the idea of contacting such groups.

Mr. Byron Stefferud, South Bay Authors' Coalition, (no address provided), related his support for the Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Cultural Plan, including a modification to "Goal 14" Section 14.2 as follows:

Add

Designate the Cultural Arts Commission as the advisory agency to the City Council.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

13b. **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BANKING SERVICES**

Recommendation

The City Treasurer recommends that the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to attest and execute the agreement for the award of contract with Bank of America to provide daily bank services, including the appointment of the Bank of New York as sub-custodian of investment custody services, effective August 1, 1997 to July 31, 2002, at a cost of not to exceed \$66,000 annually.

City Treasurer Barnett supplied background information on this item and she expressed her appreciation of the assistance provided by Deputy City Treasurer Slobojan in preparing the Request for Proposal (RFP). She confirmed that the annual cost would be \$66,000 and that the RFP would be incorporated into the Agreement for Banking Services.

Subsequent to comments/questions from the Council, Deputy City Treasurer Slobojan explained that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) could be defined in the agreement.

The Council congratulated the City Treasurer's office on this agreement.

City Attorney Fellows advised that the CPI is defined by the Department of Labor.

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

13c. **RESOLUTIONS RE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS**

Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Manager that the City Council adopt unilateral resolutions extending resolutions setting forth certain changes regarding hours, wages and working conditions for the Engineers, Torrance Fire Fighters Association, Torrance Police Officers Association, Torrance Fiscal Employees Association, Torrance Library Employees Association (TME - AFSCME), Torrance Management Employees Organization, Torrance Municipal Employees Organization - AFSCME, Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association, Torrance Professional Parks & Recreation Employees Organization and Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees Organization.

Supplemental written material of record included a July 8, 1997 memorandum addressed to the City Council from Management Assistant Scharfman providing resolutions pertaining to this item.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine advised that the resolutions for the following employee groups will be presented for the Council's consideration in the near future: Engineers, Torrance Fiscal Employees Association, Torrance Library Employees Association and Torrance Municipal Employees (TME - AFSCME).

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-77.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-77. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-77

A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

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THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.
96-70 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING
HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE
FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-84.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-84. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-84

A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.
94-148 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING
HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-85.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-85. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-85

A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.
96-74 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN 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. 97-86.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-86. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-86

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

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-87.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-87. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

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

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title of Resolution No. 97-88.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-88. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Lee.

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A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 96-78 SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE RECURRENT RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. City Manager Jackson and Councilmember Nakano commended all who contributed to the success of the Fourth of July celebration at Wilson Park.

Councilmember Nakano voiced his concern with regard to the apparent increase in the use of illegal fireworks in Torrance.

Fire Chief Adams affirmed that the use of illegal fireworks in residential areas of Torrance has increased and he advised that the City's campaign against them will be increased next year.

19b. City Clerk Herbers invited interested parties to view Cris Peacock's art on view in the City Clerk's office during the month of July.

19c. Councilmember Messerlian noted changes being contemplated by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and he suggested that information regarding this matter be presented to the Council Transportation Committee.

In response to a question from the Council, Service Manager Hall related staff's uncertainty as to whether recommendations pertaining to this issue will be presented for the Council's consideration in the future.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

See page no. 1.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:35 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, July 15, 1997, 7:00 P.M.