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*****Adjourned in Memory of Nickolas O. Drale*****

July 15, 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 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 1997, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

* Councilman Walker arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Absent: Councilman Messerlian.

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Beach Cities Air Patrol Squadron #107.

Pastor Siegfried W. Neuendorff of Seventh Day Adventist Church and Torrance Police Chaplain gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Torrance City Councilman Nickolas O. Drale who served as a councilman for 16 years, from 1948 to 1964, and as mayor from 1954-55.

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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 (absent Councilmen Messerlian and Walker).

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved that, after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, 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 (absent Councilmen Messerlian and Walker).

4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Council/Library Commission Joint Meeting

Wednesday, July 16, 1997, 11:30 a.m.

Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room

Subject: Library Operations

Finance and Governmental Operations Committee

Tuesday, July 22, 1997, 5:30 p.m.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Visitors Bureau request for additional funding

Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Committee

Tuesday, July 29, 1997, 5:30 p.m.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Debrief the 1997 Armed Forces Day Parade.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RECOGNITION OF 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF Y'S MEN'S CLUBS

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation to Henry Fox, president of the Torrance Y's Men's Club, declaring the month of July 1997 as the "75th Anniversary Month of the Y's Men's Clubs." Mr. Fox presented the Mayor with a check for \$1000 for youth sports programs.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 24, 1997

7b. APPOINTMENTS TO METROPOLITAN COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM'S ADVISORY BOARD

Recommendation

The City Librarian recommends that the City Council appoint Peggy Basile as the Torrance Delegate to the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System's Advisory Board and Valerie Mucha as Alternate to the Board.

7c. CONTRACT RE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON JEFFERSON STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

Recommendation

The Parks & Recreation Director and the Planning Director recommend that the City Council:

(1) appropriate \$105,000 (\$60,000 out of Parks & Recreation Facilities Fund and \$45,000 out of General Fund Reserves for Capital Projects) to complete the traffic signal modification and street improvements for Jefferson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard; (2) accept the construction bid from and award a contract to Excel Paving Company in the amount of \$152,363; and(3) reject all other bids. (REF Bid B97-13)

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmen Messerlian and Walker.

12. PERSONNEL MATTERS

12a. RESOLUTION RE CULTURAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director recommends that the City Council approve the proposed job description for an At-Will Cultural Services administrator and adopt a resolution establishing the salary range for Cultural Services Administrator.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to approve the job description for an At-Will Cultural Services Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmen Messerlian and Walker.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-89

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING
THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-89. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmen Messerlian and Walker.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND RESOLUTIONS

This item was considered out of order after Executive Session. See Addendum Matters (pages 9-10).

13b. APPROVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS CONSORTIUM

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that the City Council:

- (1) consider recognition of a consortium with an established annual schedule of performances, consider the consortium as "resident" performing artists at the Armstrong Theatre, and waive the required deposit for all events scheduled by the consortium;
- (2) reduce the theatre rental billing for D.M.S. Artists Management, dba Deveny Music School, to the rate billed in 1996 and reduce the theatre staffing rates to the current non-profit rate, an overall reduction of \$499.75; and
- (3) authorize the General Services Director to resolve billing procedure disputes for a period of time not to exceed six months with monthly reports to the City Council.

General Services Director Tilden presented the staff report (per written material of record) and explained that a change in the billing procedures and financial policies, requiring large deposits far in advance of performances, has placed an undue burden on certain non-profit groups (groups with an established schedule of annual events at the Armstrong Theatre) and that the formation of a consortium of these groups would allow recognition as "resident" performing artists, and as such, the waiving of deposits.

In response to Mayor Hardison, Mr. Tilden provided clarification regarding the cancellation policy.

Councilman Lee expressed concern that organizations were not receiving gate receipts from performances in a timely fashion. Mr. Tilden stated that although this may have been true in the past, great strides had been made in this area with a significant improvement in turn-around time.

Referring to the second part of the recommendation, Mr. Tilden indicated that Deveny Music School had been incorrectly classified as resident/nonprofit group; that the correction of this error resulted in a substantial billing increase for their May 1997 performance; and requested reduction of the bill.

Mayor Hardison sought reassurance that Deveny Music School was not expecting a reduced rate for their scheduled October performance at the theatre, and Mr. Tilden stated that he had made it clear that no reductions would be made for future performances.

Noting that other billing discrepancies may result from the change in procedures, Mr. Tilden requested temporary authority to resolve billing disputes, providing monthly reports to the City Council.

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

13c. **LEASE RE GREENWOOD SCHOOL**

Recommendation

The City Manager and Land Management Team recommend that the City Council approve a three-year lease agreement as requested by the Torrance Unified School District for placement of additional classrooms at the Greenwood Park site.

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

13d. **ORDINANCE RE COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE PURCHASES**

Recommendation

The Information Systems Director and the City Attorney recommend that the City Council:

- (1) adopt an ordinance creating an exemption from formal bidding for the purchase of computer and networking hardware and software; and
- (2) approve a new computer hardware purchasing program.

Information Systems Director Jenno presented the staff report (per written material of record). Councilman Lee voiced support for the recommendation, noting that customer service and support are essential for effective utilization of computers.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3435

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 22.3.24 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO AN EXCEPTION TO THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 3 FOR COMPUTER AND NETWORKING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3435.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

13e. ROLLING HILLS PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER GROUND LEASE

Recommendation

The City Manager and Land Management Team recommend that the City Council approve changes to the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center ground lease:

- (1) Third Amendment to Ground Lease;
- (2) Consent to Encumbrance of Leasehold Estate;
- (3) Reciprocal Easement and Parking Agreement.

Assistant City Manager and Land Management Team Chairman Ng briefed the Council on this item.

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

13f. RESOLUTION RE PERS CONTRIBUTION FOR MEDICAL

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution increasing the PERS contribution of employees and retirees medical to \$51 per month pursuant to the Memoranda of Understanding between the City and Torrance Municipal Employees (TME) -AFSCME, Local 1117 and Torrance Library Employees Association (TLEA).

RESOLUTION NO. 97-100

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ELECTING TO FIX THE EMPLOYER'S MEDICAL
AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO
MEMBERS OF TME AFSCME LOCAL 1117 AND THE
TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-100. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

14. HEARINGS

14a. PRICE-COSTCO DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)

Recommendation

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared for a proposed Price-Costco bulk grocery and retail facility at 2750 Lomita Boulevard. On May 28, 1997 the Environmental Review Board reviewed the DEIR and directed it to be forwarded, together with all comments received during the public review period, to the City Council. It further directed that a complete response to all the comments be prepared and that this also be forwarded to the City Council. The Planning Department recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution certifying the Draft EIR as adequate and accurate.

EAS95-0006 PRICE-COSTCO: JACK S. FRANK, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Lee abstained from consideration of this matter as he had not been present for the previous meeting.

Senior Principal Planner Gibson stated that the DEIR is adequate, accurate and meets all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements; briefly responded to the issues referred to in the City of Lomita's letter of July 14, 1997 (Supplementary Material); emphasized the fact that the application under consideration was only for the portion of the property proposed for the Price-Costco project, there being no other pending or anticipated applications for the two-lot parcel; and introduced the principals involved in the preparation of the EIR, Mr. Keeton Krietzer of David Evans and Associates, Inc. and Mr. Gary Hamrick of Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, Inc.

City Attorney Fellows requested that Lomita City Administrator Wilson's letter of July 14, 1997 be entered into the record; advised that the Council has the discretion to reopen the Public Hearing if someone wishes to elaborate on the issues addressed in the letter, cautioning that comments should be substantive and not repetitive of those already submitted; and recommended a brief recess to give the Council an opportunity to review the letter.

The Council recessed from 7:45 to 8:00 p.m.

For Mayor Hardison, Mr. Fellows provided clarification of matters raised in the letter and Mr. Gibson confirmed that all documents requested by the City of Lomita had been transmitted.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to reopen the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hardison and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilman Lee abstaining and Councilman Messerlian absent.

Mr. Peter Lewandowski of Ultra Systems Environmental Incorporated, a consultant hired by the City of Lomita, stated that it is Lomita's position, after reviewing

Attachment A, that the DEIR is inadequate because the Lead Agency intentionally neglected to include a potentially environmentally superior alternative site plan, thereby prejudicing the outcome of the report.

Mr. Lewandowski further stated that the failure to disclose the alternative site plan obligates the Lead Agency to conduct a reasonable analysis of this alternative and recirculate the DEIR for additional public comments and quoted Section 15088.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines. He outlined requested revisions to the DEIR and asked for a two-week continuance of this agenda item to allow representatives of the two cities to formulate a mutually acceptable response to outstanding issues.

Mayor Hardison asked for clarification of the proposal that the two cities "formulate a mutually acceptable response." Mr. Lewandowski responded that he was requesting a continuance to allow the staffs of the two agencies to resolve the outstanding issues as addressed by the City of Lomita.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilman Lee abstaining and Councilman Messerlian absent.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved for the continuance of this item until after the conclusion of the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison. (Councilman Messerlian absent and Councilman Lee abstaining)

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After Executive Session the following motion was made.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved that this matter be brought back to Council in one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano and passed by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilman Lee abstaining and Councilman Messerlian absent.

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Addendum Matters and Item 13a were considered out of order after Executive Session.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

Recommendation

The Council was requested to consider a Memoranda of Intent for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association and also for Council to consider adoption of a minute motion making the date of changes for payroll purposes as the beginning of the current payroll period commencing July 6, 1997 for the named bargaining units: Certain Management, Torrance Fire Fighters Association, Torrance Management Employees Organization, Torrance Police Officers Association, Safety Management and City Clerk and City Treasurer.

City Attorney Fellows stated that matters not posted on the agenda can be considered according to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) if the matters arose after the posting of the agenda, that immediate action was required and that the

Council approved consideration of the item by two-thirds vote. He further stated that negotiations were only recently completed after the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to add the above mentioned items to the agenda for consideration pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2). The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-90

**MEMORANDUM OF INTENT
TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL & SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIXING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
FOR CHANGES IN COMPENSATION**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-90. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to set the date of compensation change for: Certain Management, Torrance Fire Fighters Association, Torrance Management Employees Organization, Torrance Police Officers Association, Safety Management and City Clerk and City Treasurer as July 6, 1997. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

13a. **MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND RESOLUTIONS**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt the following Memoranda of Understanding and resolutions with Torrance Fire Fighters Association (TFFA), Torrance Municipal Employees (TME) - AFSCME Local 1117, Torrance Library Employees Association (TLEA), Engineers, Torrance Fiscal Employees Association (TFEA), Torrance Professional Parks & Recreation Employees Organization (TPPREO), Torrance Police Officers Association (TPOA), Unrepresented Employees, Safety Management and Police Recruits.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-91

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING
THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
RECURRENT POLICE RECRUITS FOR THE PERIOD STARTING
JULY 6, 1997.**

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-91. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-92. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING THE WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PARKS & RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 6, 1997 TO JUNE 30, 1998

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-93. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilman Messerlian.

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At 8:12 p.m. the City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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At 8:14 p.m. the City Council met as the Cable Television Advisory Foundation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and the regular Council agenda was resumed.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Councilwoman Cribbs asked for signage behind the Plunge.

19b. Councilman Nakano requested recognition for Shosuke Kawai of Epson who facilitated the Japanese Garden at the Cultural Arts Center.

19c. Councilman Nakano requested recognition for the Southern California Association of Governments for the upcoming Congressional Summit on August 22 which brings together the California delegation to work on regional issues.

19d. Regarding taxis in the City, Councilman Nakano suggested that identification tags be given to taxicabs licensed by the City and that future quotes include some means to consider the quality of service rather than strictly financial responsibility.

19e. Councilwoman O'Donnell commended Councilman Nakano's suggestions.

19f. Mayor Hardison asked about the tree removal on 235th Street and the repair of the unsafe street conditions at the same location.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:28 p.m. the Council recessed to closed session to discuss matters listed on the agenda pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(b), 54956.9(c), and 54956.8.

At 9:54 p.m. the Council returned to regular session in Council Chambers. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session except as noted regarding Items 14a, 13a, and Addendum Matters.

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21. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, July 16, 1997, 11:30 a.m., to conduct a joint meeting with the Library Commission in the Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room; with the regular meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 1997 in the Council Chambers.

*****Adjourned in Memory of Nickolas O. Drale*****



Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance