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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 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall. Due to lack of a quorum at that time, the meeting commenced at 6:33 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker and Mayor Hardison. Councilmember Nakano arrived at 6:34 P.M. and Councilmember Lee at 6:35 P.M.

Absent: Councilmember Cribbs (Excused).

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, Assistant City Attorney Pohl, 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**

At 6:35 P.M., the Council recessed into a closed session as authorized by California Government Code Sections 54957.6 and 54956.8 to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the agenda matters listed under Agenda Item Nos. 20.a.1, "Conference with Labor Negotiator" and 20.a.2, "Conference with Real Property Negotiator."

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At 7:20 P.M., the Council returned to Council Chambers and the regular meeting reconvened.

2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Ms. Betty Gibson, Mobil Oil Green Team Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Herbers gave the invocation for the meeting.

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

**MOTION:** Councilmember 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 Councilmember the 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 Cribbs).

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

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At this time, City Manager Jackson announced supplemental written material of record available at the meeting with regard to the following agenda items: 9a (Parking Restrictions along the Frontage Road on Pacific Coast Highway East of Crenshaw Boulevard); 9b (Authorization for an Expenditure for Installation of Street Lights on Hawthorne Boulevard); and 9c (Resolution Re Congestion Management Program [CMP]).

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5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Finance and Governmental Operations Committee**

Tuesday, September 9, 1997, 5:30 P.M., Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Progress Report on Financial Systems Project

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **INTRODUCTION OF THE GREEN TEAM FOR 1997**

On behalf of Mobil Oil, Ms. Kathleen Juhring, presented information about the 1997 Mobil Oil Green Team program, a joint effort between the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD), Mobil Oil and the City of Torrance to provide work for youth. She expressed appreciation for the assistance offered by the City.

Ms. Betty Gibson, Mobil Oil Green Team Coordinator, introduced members of the 1997 Mobil Oil Green Team. She applauded the related efforts of the City and the TUSD.

The Council thanked the Green Team for their dedicated work and invited other companies located in Torrance to get involved in youth programs.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 5, 1997**

Mayor Hardison noted that, contrary to information on the meeting agenda, only the August 5, 1997 City Council minutes were presented for the Council's consideration.

7b. **PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT-CITY OF LA PUENTE**

**Recommendation**

The Finance Director and the Fleet Services Director recommend that the City Council approve an agreement with the City of La Puente for an exchange of \$130,000 in City of Torrance General Funds for \$200,000 in Proposition A Local Return Funds from the City of La Puente.

7c. **DAVE OPERATING CONTRACT FOR MAX COMMUTER SERVICE**

**Recommendation**

The Municipal Area Express (MAX) Policy Steering Committee and the Fleet Services Director recommend that the Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an amendment incorporating the following changes for FY 1997-1998 into the MAX agreement for operating services with DAVE Transportation Services, Inc.:

- 1) Increase the monthly compensation rate from \$21,244 to \$23,832;
- 2) Increase the vehicle service hour compensation rate from \$35.33 to \$40.00;
- 3) Delete the provision for "out-of-contract" payment of major maintenance costs; and
- 4) Change the number of buses provided to DAVE for operation of the MAX service from 21 to 14.

7d. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JULY 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 Report.

7e.

**PURCHASE ORDER RE READY-MIX CONCRETE AND SLURRY MIX**

**Recommendation**

The Director of Street Services recommends that the City Council authorize that purchase orders be issued to furnish ready-mix concrete, Class "A" and Class "C" and Slurry Mix for a period of two (2) years to Associated Ready Mix of Newport Beach, California, in the anticipated amount of \$386,060.64 and award a secondary purchase order to Greene's Ready Mix Concrete of Torrance, California, in the anticipated amount of \$50,000.00.

7f.

**RE-APPROPRIATION OF ENCUMBERED MOTOROLA, INC. FUNDS**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager and Chief of Police recommend that the City Council un-encumber \$23,400 from the Motorola, Inc. contract contingency fund and re-appropriate the funds to the Radio Capital Project to support trenching and conduit installation work to be performed by Tower Structures, Inc. on or about August 29, 1997.

7g.

**COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT CONTRACT AND VANPOOL FARE BOX REVENUE**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends that the Council 1) approve the renewal of a contract for the employee rideshare program coordination with Brohman & Brohman in the amount of \$65,520 per year and 2) appropriate \$47,196.39 in vanpool fare box revenue to the City's Vanpool Program.

**MOTION:** Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

9a. **PARKING RESTRICTIONS PCH FRONTAGE ROAD EAST OF CRENSHAW**

**Recommendation**

The Planning Department recommends that the City Council authorize the establishment of the following parking restrictions along the frontage road east in the 2600 block of Pacific Coast Highway:

- o No stopping any time along both curbs of the frontage;
- o Exemption for vehicles belonging to residents; and
- o Permanent or temporary parking permits required on both sides of the frontage road.

The staff report was provided by Transportation Planner Buchman. Supplemental written material of record included an August 25, 1997 memorandum addressed to the City Council from Transportation Planner Buchman transmitting the following information: an August 23, 1997 letter addressed to Transportation Planner Buchman from Mr. Arthur Berke relating his support of all efforts to improve the parking and environmental traffic problems in the area and the minutes of the August 4, 1997 Traffic Commission meeting during which this topic was discussed.

Mayor Hardison pointed out that the only resident in the area who did not sign the petition in favor of the recommended modifications resides elsewhere the majority of the time. She suggested that another area in the vicinity of Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast which is being used by drivers who park and ride should be examined in the future.

On behalf of his mother and himself, Mr. Charles Miller, Jr., 2654 Pacific Coast Highway, offered detailed input about the parking difficulties in the area. He voiced his support for the staff recommendation and confirmed that he was instrumental in organizing the petition signed by residents in favor of the recommended modifications.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and ultimately passed by unanimous roll call vote as reflected below.

Prior to roll call vote, Transportation Planner Buchman explained staff's opinion that it would be most effective to restrict parking on both the north and south side of the frontage road and that doing so would not create difficulties for emergency vehicles.

The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

Transportation Planner Buchman advised that temporary parking permits will be distributed as soon as the signs are installed, within approximately 30 days of this date, and that the Council will be notified when the project is completed.

9b. **AUTHORIZATION RE STREET LIGHTS ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD**

**Recommendation**

The Planning Director recommends that the City Council authorize the expenditure of not more than \$225,000 out of the 1919 Street Lighting District No. 17 budget to cover the cost of installing 45 street lights on Hawthorne Boulevard from Torrance Boulevard to Sepulveda Boulevard.

Transportation Planner Buchman provided the staff report. She clarified that, contrary to information in the staff report, 20 center median-mounted poles would be removed at no charge to the City. Supplemental written material of record included the staff report dated August 22, 1997.

Ms. Buchman affirmed that no residences would be involved in this project; that the on Hawthorne Boulevard poles would not be removed south of Sepulveda Boulevard; and that the grant only includes the portion of Hawthorne Boulevard between Sepulveda and Torrance Boulevards.

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

9c. **RESOLUTION RE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP)**

**Recommendation**

The Planning Director recommends that the City Council consider a Resolution to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program (CMP) requirements and approve the submittal of the CMP New Development Activity Report and CMP Transportation Improvement Credit Claims Report.

The Planning Director recommends that the City Council (1) adopt the Resolution and (2) approve the submittal of the reports to comply with the 1997 Local Implementation Requirements of the Congestion Management Program (CMP).

Transportation Planner Buchman presented the staff report. Supplemental written material of recorded included an August 25, 1997 memorandum addressed to the City Council from Planning Director Ferrer/Transportation Planner Buchman transmitting the CMP Deficiency Plan Summary, the CMP New Development Activity Report and the CMP Transportation Improvement Credit Claims.

Following comments/questions from the Council, Transportation Planner Buchman related staff's anticipation that the City will have a greater balance of credits next year in that the City could not claim a number of projects this year, such as the

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signal signalization project. She explained that the CMP Board has approved some additional policies which will make it possible to gain additional credits in the future.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 97-114.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-114. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-114**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,  
FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND  
ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT,  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTION 65089

9d. **RECOMMENDATION RE SENATE BILL 567 (POLANCO) ETC.**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor to send a communication to the California State Legislature taking opposition to SB 567 and any legislation that lowers representation on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for cities in Los Angeles County whose representatives are selected through the League of California Cities.

Transportation Planner Buchman supplied the staff report. Supplemental written material of recorded included an August 26, 1997 memorandum addressed to the City Council from Planning Director Ferren/Transportation Planner Buchman transmitting a corrected version of the second of the two charts in Agenda Item No. 9d.

Transportation Planner Buchman advised that this matter will not be considered by the Assembly Appropriation Committee until early in 1998. However, staff continues to recommend that the City relate its opposition to this legislation.

The Councilmembers agreed with the staff recommendation and expressed concerns over the inequities in the structure of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board.

Mayor Hardison related her understanding that an approval of the staff recommendation would not include the transmission of a letter to the California State Legislature at this time; but, would establish the City's position of record. She stated her agreement with notifying Senator Polanco as to the City's position on this matter.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Lee moved for the approval of the staff recommendation to oppose Senate Bill 567 and any other legislation which might lower

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the representation on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for cities in Los Angeles County whose representatives are selected through the League of California Cities. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **RESOLUTION RE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL/HOSPITAL CARE ACT**

**Recommendation**

The Human Resources Director recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution electing public safety employees represented by the Torrance Police Officers' Association (TPOA) and safety management employees to be subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA).

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 97-115.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-115. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-115**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **YWCA "WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE" CAMPAIGN**

**Recommendation**

A recommendation of the City Manager for the City Council to consider a request by the YWCA to:

- o Hang banners to publicize "Week without Violence" in the City of Torrance; and
- o Waive permit fees in an amount of \$71.00.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine provided the staff report. He related additions to the staff recommendation to include that there shall be eight banners and that they shall be placed on Carson Street close to the YWCA offices. He confirmed that the YWCA would install and remove the banner pole hangers.

Ms. Rhysa Davis, YWCA Executive Director, stated the YWCA's appreciation of the City's support; offered background information on the YWCA's "Week without



Violence” campaign; and presented written material on the campaign to the Councilmembers.

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

13b. **GROUND LEASE ADDENDUM/ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE AND AGREEMENT RE LEXUS DEALERSHIP**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager and the Land Management Team recommend that the City Council approve the following in regards to the Lexus dealership Ground Lease No. C89-031 between the City and William J. Adkins, an individual, as lessee:

1. Addendum to lease; and
2. Estoppel Certificate and Agreement.

Assistant City Manager/Chair, Land Management Team Ng provided the staff report.

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

13c. **RESOLUTIONS RE EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION-CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AND MOU-TRREO**

**Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt (1) a resolution amending Resolution No. 97-103 governing employment compensation for Certain Management Employees and (2) a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the hours, wages and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees Organization (TRREO).

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 97-116.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-116. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-116**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 97-103 GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 97-117.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-117. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-117**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE RECURRENT RECREATION EMPLOYEES AUGUST 17, 1997 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998

17. **MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED**

17a. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE STREET TREE POLICY**

**Recommendation**

The Streetscape Team recommends that the City Council: 1) adopt the modified Street Tree Policy; 2) adopt an ordinance amending Section 75.1.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code to remove the requirement for a fee for a permit; and 3) adopt a resolution repealing Resolution Nos. 95-16 and 97-37 - establishment of permit fees.

Principal Planner Bluman, Streetscape Team Chairperson, verified that the item before the Council includes topics agreed to during the City Council Budget Workshops.

In answer to a question from Councilmember O'Donnell, City Manager Jackson verified that property owners wishing to remove trees must utilize a professional tree trimmer.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Walker moved for the approval of the modified street tree policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Ordinance No. 3438.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3438. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3438**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 75.1.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY STREET TREES

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City Clerk Herbers read aloud the title and number of Resolution No. 97-118.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 97-118. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote, absent Councilmember Cribbs.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 97-118**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 95-16 AND RESOLUTION 97-37  
WHICH IMPOSED FEES FOR ISSUANCE OF TREE TRIMMING  
PERMITS AND FOR ISSUANCE OF TREE REMOVAL PERMITS  
IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT

City Manager Jackson commended the efforts of the Streetscape Team, particularly Planning Associate Sakamoto.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. Councilmember Lee voiced his hope that negotiations between the City's cable television provider and the City concerning additional channels will be successful.

19b. Subsequent to an inquiry from Councilmember Lee, City Manager Jackson provided updated information regarding the stability of the hillside above Vista Montana. He affirmed that the City is prepared for the possibility of storms during Winter and that some items related to this topic will be presented for the Council's consideration in the future.

19c. City Manager Jackson and Planning Director Ferren supplied information for Councilmember Messerlian and Mayor Hardison about the status of compiling a property maintenance ordinance for vacant sites in Torrance.

19d. Councilmember Nakano thanked Planning Director Ferren for the schedule pertaining to the traffic signal at Jefferson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

19e. Street Services Director Garcia and City Manager Jackson advised Councilmember O'Donnell on procedures for obtaining sand bags.

19f. Councilmember O'Donnell noted parking difficulties in Downtown Torrance and associated problems with employees parking on the street. She entertained the idea of issuing decals to employees and requiring them to park in designated areas.

City Manager Jackson advised that Downtown parking difficulties could be addressed during a future workshop on the Downtown area.

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19g. With regard to Agenda Item No. 9d (Recommendation Re Senate Bill 567 [Polanco] - discussed earlier in the meeting), Mayor Hardison and Councilmember Messerlian expressed their opinions that the City should take a proactive role.

City Manager Jackson advised that staff will contact Assemblywoman Bowen concerning this matter and that feedback regarding same will be provided to the Council.

Councilmember Nakano suggested that staff explore various means of communicating the City's standpoint to legislators.

Mayor Hardison voiced her hope that smaller cities will join with Torrance in opposing SB 567.

19h. Subsequent to a question from Mayor Hardison, Mr. Scott Gobble, Southern California Edison Co., advised that he will research the status of the project on Marcelina Avenue.

19i. The Council agreed with a suggestion from Mayor Hardison to discuss the goals of the South Bay Council of Governments at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 1997.

19j. Mr. Glen Penner, 4134 Paseo de las Tortugas, notified the Councilmembers that he has not received responses from staff regarding questions he posed about the Street Lighting and Landscape District at the Council meeting of August 5, 1997. Mr. Penner contended that the District was established in contradiction to the requirements of Proposition 218, particularly the proposed requirements for assessments.

Mayor Hardison asked staff to contact Mr. Penner to discuss his concerns. She recalled that information regarding compliance with Proposition 218 was provided by the City Attorney and the City's consultant at the Council meeting of August 5, 1997.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting (see page 1).

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:27 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, September 2, 1997, 5:30 P.M., for an executive session, to be followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M.