Inglewood, California

June 12, 2001

The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country and invocation by Mayor Dorn, he called the meeting to order at the hour of 1:36 p.m. The City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Mayor Dorn, Council Members Fernandez and Kirkley;

Absent: Council Member Price. (Arrived at 1:38 p.m.)

Absent: Council Member Dunlap. (Arrived at 1:38 p.m.)

City officials and personnel present were:

Hermanita V. Harris	City Clerk
Wanda Brown	City Treasurer
Joseph T. Rouzan, Jr.	CityAdministrator
Charles E. Dickerson	City Attorney
Gloria J. McCoy	Deputy City Clerk

180 COMMENDATION – PRESENTED TO TERRY BUSBY, LIBRARY EMPLOYEE FOR HEROIC DEED. Mayor Dorn read a commendation, praising Terry Busby, library employee, audio visual department, for his bravery, rapid movement and clear thinking in regards to an incident that occurred on May 19, 2001 in the main Library. Mayor and Council thanked him for his heroic deed.

180 RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS FROM ESCUELA DE MONTESSORI AND ESCUELA ELEMENTARY CENTER. Mayor and Council recognized and took pictures with the students and student representative, Brandon Thomas, thanked Council and Mrs. Hilda Kennedy for planning the visit for the students to visit the City Hall and see government in progress and thanked the student Council advisor, Ms. Howe, for allowing them to visit City Hall.

134 PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS. Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any item on the agenda.

Paul Russell, District 2, spoke concerning item no PH-1, Special Use Permit No. 883 and no. PH2-E, Police Benefit Assessment District No. 88-1.

Hector Beltran, District 3, spoke concerning item no. CI-1, agreement with Pineda-Green Publications.

Roosevelt Douglas spoke concerning no. PH-1, Special Use Permit No. 883.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning item no. CI-1, agreement with Pineda-Green Publications.

Velma Slaughter, District 1, spoke concerning item no. PH-1, Special Use Permit No. 883.

Elizabeth Khoury, District 1, spoke concerning item nos. 6, PH-1, PH-2 and CI-1.

142.9 PAYMENTS OF WARRANTS AND BILLS. It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that the demands presented to the City Council dated June 7, 2001 in the amount of $2,132,986.58 are hereby approved and the City Clerk hereby authorized to certify upon said registers that said demands are so approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap.

196 RESOLUTION NO. 01-46 ADOPTED – GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS. Staff report dated June 12, 2001 presented recommending approval of a resolution authorizing the filing of an application and signing of a contract for services to the elderly under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended for fiscal year 2001-2002.

It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that Resolution No. 01-46, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSAL AND THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 AS AMENDED

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

171 AGREEMENT NO. 01-77 APPROVED – INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. Staff report dated June 12, 2001 was presented recommending approval of agreement with the Inglewood Unified School District for $70,000 to provide meals for the Summer Food Service Program.

It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that Agreement No. 01-77 with Inglewood Unified School District be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

196 RESOLUTION NO. 01-47 ADOPTED – GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE INTEGRATED CARE MANAGEMENT PROJECT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. Staff report dated June 12, 2001 was presented recommending approval of a resolution authorizing the filing of an application and the signing of a contract for integrated care management services for elderly and disabled persons in Inglewood and other targeted areas for fiscal year 2001-2002.

It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that Resolution No. 01-47, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSAL AND THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING INTEGRATED CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 AS AMENDED, ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, AB2800 AND AB764

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

MINUTES. It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2001 be approved as recorded. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap.

197 AGREEMENT NO. 01-78 APPROVED – INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. Staff report dated June 12, 2001 was presented recommending approval of joint use agreement between the City of Inglewood and the Inglewood Unified School District for use of Morningside High School for an Open Swim Program and Drop-In Basketball Program during the summer.

It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that Agreement No. 01-78 with Inglewood Unified School District be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

158.1 AGREEMENT NO. 01-79 APPROVED – FERGUSON GROUP, LLC. Staff report dated June 12, 2001 was presented recommending approval of agreement with the Ferguson Group, LLC to provide legislative advocacy services at the federal level in the amount of $72,000 with a $6,000 expenses contingency and will expire on June 30, 2002.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that Agreement No. 01-79 with the Ferguson Group, LLC be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

125 VERBAL REPORTS – CITY ATTORNEY. The City Attorney commented that he had appeared before representatives of LAWA and Los Angeles Airport and gave a verbal response to the EIR and statement and master plan submitted by LAX in connection with the anticipated expansion program. He commented that he advised those receiving comments that Inglewood received at least 98% of flights going into LAX passing directly over Inglewood at varying heights and was most severely impacted. He advised Inglewood City representatives, government and members of the government and offices of the government of the City's opposition to expansion of LAX because it will lead to increased air traffic, ground traffic, noise and pollution. He further commented that he suggested that as a responsible neighbor, Inglewood would accept part of the burden and noted Inglewood bears more than its fair share of the burden. In addition, he commented that there are 11 points that the City is basing its objections to the LAX EIR-EIS and noted that a written response had been prepared. He read those 11 points. Finally, he commented that he had completed the written response that he will be submitting to each member and noted that there are 37 pages, 200-300 pages of exhibits. He requested that the matter be scheduled probably next week.

219 VERBAL REPORTS – CITY TREASURER. The City Treasurer commented on a banking selection committee meeting and noted that she had mailed the RFP for banking services and the City had received responses. She commented those responses are in the process of being evaluated and gave an overview of her treasurer's reports. Finally, she commented that Almeda Thomas had passed this morning and requested Council close the meeting in her honor.

127.2 COUNCIL INITIATIVES

INITIATIVE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDEZ PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PINEDA-GREEN PUBLICATIONS-EL SOL DE CALIFORNIA FOR ADVERTISING IN A HISPANIC NEWSPAPER – AGREEMENT NO. 01-80 APPROVED. It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that Agreement No. 01-80 with Pineda-Green Publications be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

114.18 PLANNING & ZONING APPOINTMENT. Upon the recommendation of Council Member Price, Mayor Dorn appointed Henry Sloan as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board for the term ending April 2005.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Price that the City Council does hereby approve, ratify and confirm the appointment. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

131 PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED – SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 883. The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a continued public hearing to consider an appeal to the Planning Commission's denial of Special Use Permit No. 883 for a billboard at 8415 South La Cienega Boulevard that notice of this hearing has been given in the time, form and manner as required by law, the affidavit was on file, the complete file of the Planning Commission was present and communication was received from the following:

F. Paul Russell Jr., 392 East Beach Avenue,

Inglewood, CA 90302

The City Administrator presented staff report dated June 12, 2001 submitting background information.

Mayor Dorn ordered the report and communication received and made a part of the file.

Eddy Ikemefuna, Associate Planner, gave an overview of the proposed billboard to be located at 8415 S. La Cienega Boulevard noting that the applicant was proposing a 14 foot high by 48 foot wide, illuminated bi-faced billboard and the Planning Commission had denied the request at its hearing on March 7, 2001.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wish to address the City Council on the matter.

Ron Weintraub, owner of Randy's Donuts, thanked Council for the opportunity to address and commented that the City had benefited from the publicity of his business and urged Council to deny the request as it would obstruct the street view of the donut.

Roosevelt Douglas commented that there is room for the sign, it would not take away from the donut and commented that progress cannot be stopped.

Council Member Dunlap left the Council Chambers at the hour of 2:25 p.m.

Price Martin, 4621 W. 63rd, commented on an article in today's L.A. Times regarding campaign contributions encouraging signs to be erected. He commented that he was in possession of a letter from the United Homeowners expressing their opposition to the sign.

Larry Weinbraub commented that he was in possession of a petition opposing the erection of billboard.

Mayor Dorn declared the meeting recessed at the hour of 2:35 p.m.

Mayor Dorn again called the meeting to order at the hour of 2:48 p.m. present except Council Member Dunlap.

Mayor Dorn again recessed the meeting at the hour of 2:52 p.m.

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Mayor Dorn again called the meeting to order at the hour of 2:58 p.m. with all members present except Council Members Price and Dunlap.

Pat Sanders, 8716-3rd Avenue, spoke in opposition to the billboards and expressed her concern regarding the lighting issue.

Council Member Price returned in the Council Chambers at the hour of 2:59 p.m.

Paul Russell, District 2, expressed procedural objection to assessment hearings and objected to the billboard citing a clustering effect. He urged Council to follow the decision of the Planning Commission.

Diane Sambrano spoke in opposition to the billboard and commented that she was aware of campaign contributions received and felt it would be approved.

Council Member Dunlap returned in the Council Chambers at the hour of 3:05 p.m.

Velma Slaughter, District 1, expressed her opposition to the billboard noting that it contributed to blight.

Van Nostrand commented that he represented Regency Outdoor Advertising, Inc. , that the proposed sign will be 28 feet to the bottom and 150 feet north of the donut sign and that he was in the visibility business and did not like blocking signs or having his signs blocked. He also noted that the L.A. Times is in direct competition with his company for advertising dollars.

Willie Agee, District 1, commented that he had no problems with billboards but found it discriminating for one person to speak 8 minutes and others limited to 5 minutes.

Bonnie Kingrey commented that she represented the applicant and spoke in favor of the advertising industry and noted that comments regarding blight were offensive. She also commented that she liked Randy's Donut and was hoping for a peaceful co-existence.

Aldene Sligh, District 1, referred to comments regarding campaign contributions and commented that it is understood why a certain Council Member voted in favor of billboards and the community not reaping benefits. She commented that there was no need for more blight in the City and a need for therapy for mistruth to the public.

Michael Benbow, District 1, spoke in favor of billboards and getting a point across.

Elizabeth Khoury, District 1, encouraged Council to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission and thanked people for attending a meeting for the people.

Cecil Carpio, District 2, commented that she was impressed with the public participation regarding billboards and asked that Council support the Planning Commission decision.

Council Member Fernandez commented that he supported Randy's Donuts and is sensitive to their concerns. He pointed out that on the other side of Quick 'n Split there is another business that wants to exercise its right to advertise and noted that no one is impacted. He

further commented that to associate billboards with blight is wrong and referred to main

thoroughfares throughout the City with billboards and indicated that he has no problems with them. He also commented that Council must find ways to raise revenues without asking the general public to pay more taxes.

Council Member Price commented that he was inclined to support the Planning Commission and noted that he had nothing against the billboard industry. He expressed his objection to an enlarged sign and noted that he respected the judgment of any Council person who represents an area.

Council Member Dunlap inquired about the number of billboard signs currently in the City, the use of this company by other cities and annual fees generated by the billboards. She pointed out the difference in circumstances with Randy's Donuts. In addition, she commented that she was concerned about campaign contributions made to Mayor and Council. She further commented that billboards are blight and that progressive cities do not have billboards and Council needs to re-evaluate their objectives. She commended the Planning Commission for rejecting the proposal and commented that she felt ashamed when billboards are erected. She also commented on the closing of the public hearing and inconsistencies in the matter and noted that Council needs to rescind the amendment approved earlier this year regarding billboards.

Van Nostrand commented that there are 5 billboards in the City and his company has provided services that include the cities of El Monte, Los Angeles and Riverside.

Mayor Dorn commented that the hearing has not been closed to the Council members and noted that it was closed to make sure the general public had the opportunity to speak. He further commented he was not thrilled about billboards and if the Council member of the district opposes it, he opposes it; if the Council member supports it, he supports it.

Mayor Dorn closed the public comments section at 3:29 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Kirkley to grant a special use permit for a billboard at 8415 South La Cienega Boulevard, rejecting the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and including the findings; (1) That the proposed billboard would add to the economic vitality of the community and not create an adverse effect on the city or its streetscape and (2) That the applicant be required to comply with any and all other laws of the Inglewood Municipal Code.

Council Member Kirkley commented that this was a dilemma for him and he did not have a problem with billboards. He further commented that the difference between a normal sign and this one is the reason we are here today noting the proposal would call for a super sized sign. Additionally, he commented that he wanted to respect

people in the district and their choices. He also commented that his commissioner was concerned with subject matter on the sign. Finally, he commented that one must trust staff and he supported staff and the Planning Commission.

Council Member Dunlap commented that each Council member was elected by district but each vote should reflect the concern of the entire City. She further commented that billboards of any size are detrimental to the community and we have to go back and rescind the action of September 26, 2000, which is causing the influx of the billboard signs. Finally she commented that all billboards are detrimental and that one does not have to come to Council unless they want jumbo billboards.

Council Member Fernandez commented that if he felt this billboard was detrimental, he would not push for it. He commented that the property is located in a commercial area on La Cienega, that he respected his colleague's opinion and hope they respect his as representative of that area. He noted that this would be a revenue raising effort.

Mayor Dorn commented that if someone had presented 400 signatures of Inglewood

residents or businesses, he would be very concerned but noted that the fact that 400 persons have driven through Inglewood and bought coffee and donuts and left their signatures does not mean anything to him.

No other persons wishing to address the City Council on this matter, Mayor Dorn declared the public hearing closed at the hour of 3:45 p.m.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Fernandez;

Noes: Council Members Price, Dunlap and Kirkley;

Not Voting: Mayor Dorn.

Mayor Dorn declared the meeting recessed at the hour of 4:07 p.m.

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Mayor Dorn again called the meeting to order at the hour of 4:19 p.m. with all members present except Council Member Fernandez.

112.10 PUBLIC HEARING HELD - STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1980-1 - RESOLUTION NO. 01-48 ADOPTED 2001-2002 ASSESSMENTS LEVIED. The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to hear protests and objections to assessing the fiscal year 2001-2002 installments for Assessment District No. 1980-1 Inglewood Lighting Assessment District pursuant to Resolution No. 01 -24, that published notice of this hearing was given in the time, form and manner as required by law, affidavit of publication was on file and communications was received from the following:

F. Paul Russell Jr., 392 East Beach Avenue,

Inglewood, CA 90302

Council Member Fernandez returned to the Council Chambers at 4:20 p.m.

The City Administrator presented staff report dated June 12, 2001 recommending adoption of a resolution ordering the levy and assessments for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Mayor Dorn ordered the report and communication received and made a part of the file.

Bill Mahar, Public Works Director commented that this assessment was put into place in 1980 and gave an overview of its origin. He noted that in 1982, the City added tree trimming and landscape maintenance and in 1984 a portion of the City's park maintenance costs were added. In 1986, the full cost of street lighting, tree trimming, landscape maintenance and park maintenance was included in the District. He commented that this is needed for vital City services.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the Council on the matter.

Council Member Dunlap left the dias at the hour of 4:23 p.m.

Paul Russell, District 2, objected to the levy and commented that he would like for someone to address getting money for levy other than through the taxpayer.

Council Member Kirkley left the Council Chambers at the hour of 4:24 p.m.

Council Member Dunlap spoke from the floor, referred to a previous scheduling of the hearing on June 5 and requested an explanation in the change of date. She commented on amounts previously levied and inquired what was the exact billing amount for lighting from

Southern California Edison and a clear description of overhead.

Aldene Sligh agreed with comments made by Council Member Dunlap and commented that it seemed like double taxation. She expressed her opposition to the assessment.

Council Member Dunlap returned to the dias at the hour of 4:28 p.m.

Diane Sambrano commented that if the assessment is not being raised, then it should not be as high as it was in the past.

Velma Slaughter commented that she was against the assessment because residents are being double taxed.

Hector Beltran, District 3, spoke in opposition to the assessment.

Council Member Kirkley returned in the Council Chambers at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

James Beasley, District 1, spoke in opposition to the assessment and double taxation and referred to trash pickup and inconsistencies.

Council Member Price left the Council Chambers at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Khoury, District 1, referred to maintenance of trees and lighting and commented that a lot of the City has been sold.

Willie Agee, District 1, referred to the previous speakers who spoke in opposition to receiving incoming revenue yet complained about paying for tree trimming and lights.

Pat Sanders, District 1, commented that the residents are already being taxed and this is an additional tax.

Roosevelt Douglas commented that the trees that are trimmed are beautiful in the 3rd district thanked Mayor and Council and commented that he is not in favor of an increase in taxes.

Council Member Fernandez commented that residents pay a lot of taxes but the City is not getting all of these taxes. He noted that the City receives 15 cents on every dollar and the county and schools receive most of the taxes. He also commented that the City has failed to bring in more retail.

Council Member Price commented that no one likes to raise or levy taxes but bills have to be paid. He commented that it is significant that the City is not seeking an increase and this is an effective way to spread the necessary cost around. He commended staff for coming forward with a recommendation that did not increase taxes.

Council Member Dunlap commented that the assessment district will be collecting 2 million dollars and the City's role is to manage the money we have fiscally. She also requested responses to earlier inquiries. In reference to the county and schools receiving funds, she commented that is a problem with redevelopment noted that this is an excessive tax. She also questioned an increase in the City's budget.

Council Member Kirkley left the Council Chambers at the hour of 4:50 p.m.

Bill Mahar, Public Works Director, commented that the personnel costs are directly related to personnel performing the work.

Council Member Dunlap commented that she had telephoned Southern California Edison and requested information regarding costs and was informed that they were directed by the Public Works Director not to provide the information. She requested that the information be given to her so that she could provide it to her constituents at their next town hall meeting.

Council Member Kirkley returned in the Council Chambers at 4:50 p.m.

No other persons wishing to address the Council on this matter Mayor Dorn declared the public hearing closed at the hour of 4:58 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Mayor Dorn that Resolution No. 01-48, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS, AND ORDERING LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 (ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1980-1 INGLEWOOD LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT).

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap.

112.5 PUBLIC HEARING HELD MORNINGSIDE PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1974-2 - RESOLUTION NO. 01-49 ADOPTED – 2001-2002

ASSESSMENTS LEVIED. The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to hear protests and objections to assessing the fiscal year 2001-2002 installment for Assessment District No. 1974-2 Morningside Park Maintenance District pursuant to Resolution No. 01-22, that published notice of this hearing has been given in the time, form and manner as required by the law, affidavit of publication was on file and communication was received from the following:

F. Paul Russell Jr., 392 East Beach Avenue,

Inglewood, CA 90302

The City Administrator presented staff report dated June 12, 2001 recommending adoption of a resolution ordering the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year

2001-2002.

Mayor Dorn ordered the report dated June 12, 2001 received and made a part of the file.

Bill Mahar, Public Works Director, gave an overview of the establishment of the assessment district and commented that it was established in 1974 and the services are special services provided to the business community. He noted that the assessment has not been increased since fiscal year 1992-93 and commented that staff was recommending that the assessment remain unchanged.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the Council on the matter. There was no response.

No persons wishing to address the Council on this matter Mayor Dorn declared the public comment section closed at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Price referred to the installation of speed bumps and noted that Morningside Park will be included in the redevelopment area. He commented that this assessment has not been increased since 1992-93 fiscal year but there have been increases in labor and costs. In addition, he noted that he saw this as an on-going effort to maintain and improve. Finally, he commented that he would support it and felt that the business community would support it.

Council Member Dunlap commented that this taxation was triple taxation and referred to the City's operating budget noting that she felt that the City was out of control with its spending. In addition, she commented that the taxpayer should not shoulder the burden of the City's mismanagement. She further inquired about procedure regarding holding a public hearing on a date different from the date advertised. She referred to parking spaces being taken on the north side of Manchester due to the Inglewood Community Center and noted that the assessment was to pay for purchase of the property and use it as a parking lot. She inquired why the assessment was not reduced.

Bill Mahar commented that revenue was taken from the funding for the ICOP trailer and applied to expenses. He also noted that assessments were not reduced.

Council Member Fernandez commented that the City had approximately 1000 employees and today there are 800 and noted that the figures don't add up to comments regarding the City being out of control. He further commented that the employees do good jobs and they do the best they can do. Finally, he noted that if there weren't an assessment, the money would have to come from the General Fund.

Mayor Dorn closed the public hearing at the hour of 5:11 p.m.

Council Member Dunlap commented that she did not understand special services and inquired why a certain group was being penalized with an extra tax

It was moved Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that Resolution No. 01-49, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS, AND ORDERING LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 (ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1974-2 MORNINGSIDE PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT).

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap.

112.7 PUBLIC HEARING HELD-IN-TOWN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1975-1 - RESOLUTION NO. 01-50 ADOPTED 2001-2002 ASSESSMENTS LEVIED. The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to hear protest and objectives to assessing the fiscal year 2001-2002 installment for Assessment District No. 1975-1 In-Town Maintenance District pursuant to Resolution No. 01-23, that published notice of this hearing was given in time, form and manner as required by law, affidavit of publication was on file and communication was received from the following:

F. Paul Russell Jr., 392 East Beach Avenue,

Inglewood, CA 90302

The City Administrator presented staff report dated June 12, 2001 recommending adoption of a resolution ordering the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year

2001-2002.

Mayor Dorn ordered the report dated June 12, 2001 received and made a part of the file.

Bill Mahar, Public Works Director, commented that this assessment has not been increased since 1992-93 and revenue was anticipated in the last budget year.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the Council on the matter.

Diane Sambrano referred to public notification and city employees no longer providing certain services and each assessment district affecting the other.

Council Member Price left the Council Chambers at the hour of 5:25 p.m.

Council Member Dunlap commented for the record that the revised resolutions reflected the June 12 public hearing date . In addition, she commented that this assessment was triple taxation and referred to a parcel on Market Street with an assessment of $2,437 noting that it was unreasonable. She further commented that she did not see a reduction in maintenance costs for downtown Inglewood reflected in the Engineer's Report. Finally, she commented that if 4 members can overrule 100% of property owners, this needs to be rethought, as it is too much power for Council to have.

No other persons wishing to address the Council on this matter Mayor Dorn declared the

public comment section closed at the hour of 5:37 p.m.

Council Member Fernandez commented on street sweeping once a week for non-business owners and daily street sweeping for merchants. He noted that the services are not equal. He further commented that if one group is seeking more, why should one group subsidize the other.

Bill Mahar, Public Works Director, commented that the downtown area is the only area where city employees clean sidewalks and concurred with comments that the benefiting party should pay. Finally, he noted that there are enhanced services in the In-Town Maintenance District and they pay for it.

It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that Resolution No. 01-50, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTEST AND OBJECTIONS, AND ORDERING LEVY AND

COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002.

(ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1975-1 IN-TOWN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.)

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap;

Absent: Council Member Price.

112.12 PUBLIC HEARING HELD - DARBY DIXON MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1987-1 - RESOLUTION NO. 01-51 ADOPTED – 2001-2002 ASSESSMENTS LEVIED. The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to hear protests and objections to assessing the fiscal year 2000-2001 installment for Assessment District No. 1987-1 Darby-Dixon Maintenance District pursuant to Resolution No. 01-25, that notice of this hearing was given in the time, form and manner as required by law, affidavit of publication was on file and communication was received from the following:

F. Paul Russell Jr., 392 East Beach Avenue,

Inglewood, CA 90302

The City Administrator presented staff report dated June 12, 2001 recommending adoption of a resolution ordering the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Mayor Dorn ordered the report and communication received and made a part of the file.

Bill Mahar, Public Works Director, commented that this assessment district was established to improve conditions in the Darby-Dixon assessment district with additional street sweeping, alley cleaning and removal of debris was done to improve conditions. He noted that the assessment has not change since fiscal year 92-93.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the Council on the matter.

Paul Russell commented that he supported the assessment as he supported the other and commented that in retrospect, he wished that they all could have been combined.

No other persons wishing to address the Council on this matter Mayor declared the public hearing closed at the hour of 5:41 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that Resolution No. 01-51, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS, AND ORDERING LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 (ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1987-1 DARBY-DIXON MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.)

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

112.13 PUBLIC HEARING HELD - POLICE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1988-1 - RESOLUTION NO. 01-52 ADOPTED 2001-2002 ASSESSMENTS LEVIED. The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to hear protests and objections to assessing the fiscal year 2001-2002 installment for Assessment District No. 1988-1 Police Benefit Assessment District pursuant to Resolution No. 01-26,

that published notice of this hearing was given in the time, form and manner as required by law, affidavit of publication was on file and communication was received from the following:

F. Paul Russell Jr., 392 East Beach Avenue,

Inglewood, CA 90302

The City Administrator presented staff report dated June 12, 2001 recommending adoption of a resolution ordering the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Mayor Dorn ordered the staff report dated June 12, 2001 received and made a part of the file.

Captain Hampton Cantrell, Administrative Services Bureau, commented that this assessment was overwhelmingly approved by a vote of the people in 1988 with 78 % of the vote and gave an overview of the assessment over the past years. He further commented that this assessment, in the amount of $2,100,000, has remained unchanged since 1993. He further commented that the current assessment is for law enforcement services over and above that which the current established force could provide and urged Council approval. He noted that the assessment district officers are assigned to narcotics and gangs – things the regular force cannot get to.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the Council on the matter.

Diane Sambrano inquired if the money was being used for what it was intended. She commented that funding and dollars is the issue, not whether the City deserves to have police officers. She suggested that maybe an audit is needed and commented that we should not use overtime to fill vacancies.

No other persons wishing to address the Council on this matter, Mayor Dorn declared the public section closed at the hour of 5:49 p.m.

Council Member Price commented on vacancies in the police department, inquired if the City was staffed at the level of the assessment and if the officers were performing those duties.

Captain Cantrell commented that the department has begun to aggressively recruit police officers. He further commented that they have gone to the police academy received approval from Council to spend $77,000 on recruitment. He commented that there are currently 188 officers and 6 in the academy close to being approved for hire and 7 officers are doing specialized duties and others are performing patrol functions.

Council Member Price inquired if the force was staffed at the level of the assessment and if the officers are performing the duties as specified. He also inquired a projection of when full staffing would return.

Captain Cantrell commented that there are officers doing specialized duties and others doing patrol functions and full staff were expected around December or sooner depending upon the quality of persons completing the training. He further commented that it should be pointed out that the assessment district officers have been deployed to patrol because of the department has been impacted by vacancies.

Council Member Dunlap commented that in response to the In-Town Maintenance District, she would appreciate it if Council would stop misrepresenting her record on downtown revitalization. She inquired if any of the 188 officers were injured or not on duty and asked how many were actually deployed.

Captain Cantrell commented that there are currently 166, 22 officers either IOD or on light duty.

Council Member Dunlap referred to the current number of officers, the 22 not fully deployed and commented that the force was down 61 from what it should have. She further commented that the City does not have rights to people's pocketbooks and until the department reaches 227 officers, residents are paying for officers and not the additional officers residents said they would pay for. Finally, she commented that she supported the community, police and taxpayers getting what they paid for.

Council Member Kirkley commented that he thought this matter was clarified last year. He further commented that in June of that year, there were 187 not 207 officers and it wasn't until July that it became 207. In addition, he noted that the then City Manager anticipated that the proposed assessment would be successful and placed the 20 officers in the budget, noting that the highest number the force has ever been is 217. This was with 10 extra officers from a grant. Finally, he commented that the bottom line is if you have officers assigned to special detail, and there is a shortage when people call 911, you have to reassign to patrol functions and charge other staff to overtime.

Council Member Dunlap left the Council Chambers at the hour of 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Dorn inquired about the number of officers in the budget today and the aggressive recruitment program. He commented that he felt that a magnificent job had been done, that salaries had been raised so that the department could be more competitive than other agencies.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that Resolution No. 01-52, entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS, AND ORDERING LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 (ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 88-1, INGLEWOOD POLICE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT).

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Members Dunlap and Fernandez.

Mayor Dorn declared the meeting recessed at the hour of 6:08 p.m.

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Mayor Dorn again called the meeting to order at the hour of 6:08 p.m. with all members present except Council Members Dunlap and Fernandez.

134 PUBLIC REMARKS. Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any matter connected with City business not elsewhere considered on the agenda.

Adama Akmal inquired if something had been done regarding his car being towed and sold.

Velma Slaughter commented on a LAX workshop regarding an EIR-EIS and noted that she felt it was very poorly put together.

Pat Sanders spoke concerning Council's behavior, a meeting on Saturday by LAX; congratulated the City Attorney on his comments regarding the LAX meeting and commented that citizens should become more involved.

Diane Sambrano, District 4, spoke concerning payments to Inglewood Today, and misinformation regarding El Sol Newspapers and bearing the burden for retail to profit.

Paul Russell, District 2, spoke concerning the acquisition of property at 267 Beach Avenue, Marvin Engineering expansion and the attendance the Council member from District 3.

Elizabeth Khoury, District 1, read a statement regarding paying for crossing guards at elementary schools.

Michelle Autry, District 4, spoke concerning not receiving her mail, objection to billboards, problem with animal torture, a lot across from her house that needs to be redeveloped and funds for officers.

Hector Beltran, District 3, discussed his life being in shambles and spoke concerning LAX meeting, harmful effects of air traffic and the index of minutes.

Willie Agee spoke concerning various ideas from the audience, dictatorship from the dais, celebration of downtown Market Street.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Dorn declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:43 p.m.

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City Clerk

Approved this _____day of _____, 2001

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Mayor