Inglewood, California
February 25, 2003

The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 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 1:33 p.m. The City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present:	Mayor Dorn, Council Members Fernandez and Johnson;
Absent:	Council Member Price. (Arrived at 1:35 p.m.)
Absent:	Council Member Dunlap. (Arrived at 1:34 p.m.)

City officials and personnel present were:

Yvonne Horton	City Clerk
Joseph T. Rouzan, Jr.	CityAdministrator
Emmerline Foote	Interim City Attorney
Gloria J. McCoy	Deputy City Clerk

101 **COMMENTS BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR.** City Administrator, Joseph T. Rouzan, Jr. introduced Eve Irvine of the Inglewood Police Department. He commented that she was the first female Captain appointed to the Inglewood Police Department and discussed her years of service with the city.

Council Member Dunlap arrived in the Council Chambers at the hour of 1:34 p.m.

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.

Ralph Franklin spoke concerning item no. CA-1, agreement with Training and Research Foundation.

Council Member Price arrived in the Council Chambers at the hour of 1:35 p.m.

Lillian Benbow spoke concerning unfavorable press received regarding the School Board President and the need the clear up any ethical violations.

Elaine Atlow, Executive Director, Head Start Training and Research Foundation spoke concerning CA-1, an agreement between the City and the organization to form a pilot Head Start/State Preschool Child Development Program at Rogers Park.

Dr. Mildred McNair spoke concerning item no. CA-1, agreement with Training and Research Foundation, Measure K and School Bond Issue.

Michael Benbow spoke concerning item no. CA-1, agreement with Training and Research Foundation and the upcoming election and the need for a fair election.

Willie Agee spoke concerning item no. CA-1, agreement with Training and Research Foundation and the lack of a quorum for a commission meeting.

Ms. Bell spoke concerning item no. CA-1, agreement with Training and Research Foundation and referred to comments by Mayor Dorn.

Milton Brown spoke concerning inappropriateness to discuss Council intervention into school board matters and recent personal attacks.

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Diane Sambrano spoke concerning item no. CA-1, agreement with Training and Research Foundation, absence of Parks and Recreation Commissioners for a scheduled meeting, CI-4, negotiation of agreement with PERS for medical insurance for qualifying Council retirees; spoke concerning flyaways and draft EIR.
Nikki Morrison spoke concerning item no. CA-1, agreement with Training and Research

Foundation.

142.9 **PAYMENTS OF WARRANTS AND BILLS.** It was moved by Council Member Price and seconded by Council Member Johnson that the demands presented to the City Council dated February 19, 2003 in the amount of $784,091.88 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, Johnson and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: Council Member Dunlap.

MINUTES. It was moved by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2003 be approved as recorded. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Johnson and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None;
Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

165.18 **UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS 2003 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – APPROVED.** Staff report dated February 25, 2003 was presented recommending that the Mayor and City Council authorize payment of the City's 2003 membership dues for the United States Conference of Mayors.

It was moved by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Price that the City Council does hereby authorize payment of the City's 2003 membership dues. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Johnson and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None;
Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

171.10 **AGREEMENT WITH TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION.** Staff report dated February 25, 2003 was presented recommending approval of agreement between the City of Inglewood and Training and Research Foundation to form a partnership for operation of a pilot Head Start/State Preschool Child Development Program at Rogers Park.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the matter be held over to the meeting of March 11, 2003.

127.2 **SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2002.**

There was no action taken.

126.2 **VERBAL REPORTS – CITY CLERK.** The City Clerk announced that her open house has changed to March 12, 2003. She commented that Conny McCormack, Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk would be in attendance and would be available to assist with touch screen voting. Mrs. Horton invited everyone to attend.

219 **VERBAL REPORTS – CITY TREASURER.** The City Treasurer reported remittance for the month for utility users in the amount of $493,810.57, gave a market update on rates and commented that she attended Career Day at Westchester High School on April 7.

Mayor left the Council Chambers at 3:10 p.m. and returned at 3:13 p.m.

127.2 **COUNCIL INITIATIVES:**

Council Member Dunlap:

127.2 **INITIATIVE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNLAP RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 01-85 – NOT ADOPTED.** It was moved by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Price that Resolution No. 01-85, entitled:

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING ANY AND ALL ACTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES

be rescinded. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Member Dunlap;
Noes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Johnson and Mayor Dorn.

127.2 **RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNLAP SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA'S ZERO EMISSION PROGRAM – RESOLUTION NO. 03-14 ADOPTED.** It was moved by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that Resolution No. 03-14, entitled:

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA'S ZERO EMISSION PROGRAM

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Johnson and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None.

Council Member Fernandez:

127.2 **INITIATIVE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDEZ REGARDING SURPLUS**
151.1 **EQUIPMENT TO BE SOLD TO INGLEWOOD'S SISTER CITY, JIQUILPAN, MEXICO – APPROVED.** It was moved by Council Member Johnson and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that the City Council does hereby sell to the citizens of Jiquilpan, Mexico various items of surplus equipment to include: 1) Five computers; 2) Fifty ballistic vests (bullet proof), that no longer meet the needs of the City of Inglewood Police Department, for the sale price of $1.00. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Johnson and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None.

127.2 **INITIATIVE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDEZ REGARDING MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR RETIRED COUNCIL MEMBERS.** It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Price that the main motion be amended changing the term of effectiveness of the benefits from 3 terms to 2 terms or 8 years. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: Council Member Dunlap and Johnson.

It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Johnson that the main motion be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap and Fernandez;
Noes: Council Member Johnson and Mayor Dorn.

131 **PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED – AMENDMENTS TO THE 2001-2004 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE 2002-2003 ACTION PLAN.**

At the request of staff, the matter was continued to the meeting of March 11, 2003 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

178 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD – IMPLEMENTATION OF A RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.** The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to receive public comments on the implementation of a Red Light Photo Enforcement Program, that notice of this hearing had being given in the time, form and manner as required by law, the affidavit was on file and no communication was received on the matter.

The City Administrator presented staff report dated February 25, 2003 submitting background information.

Mayor Dorn ordered the staff report dated February 25, 2003 received and filed.

Lieutenant Mike McBride commented that earlier in the month, the Police Chief recommended Council approve the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program and Council voted unanimously to approve the program. He also noted that Council voted to approve implementation of the program by Redflex Systems to design and install in as many as 20 designations. He noted that this program was approved in conjunction with the Police Department and Public Works Department as part of the comprehensive program called Traffic Calming Measure.

Dr. Rosenberg, Vice President of the West Branch, commented that he had been working with City staff for about a year in an effort to educate staff about the merits of the program. He showed eleven seconds of video documenting violations to demonstrate the value of the system. He gave an overview of the company and noted they work with more companies in California than any other company. He discussed the objectives to be accomplished, namely traffic calming and pointed out a significant reduction in traffic collisions. He also pointed out that transient drivers cause most accidents.

Council Member Fernandez left the Council Chambers at the hour of 3:44 p.m.

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

Johnny Inghram commented that this is what is done when most municipalities are short on revenue. He commented that this was not fair and hoped that Council would look at it and reject it.

Dr. Mildred McNair recommended that this program be rejected and noted that it was nothing but a moneymaker.

Milton Brown commented that he felt the program was necessary but needed to be looked at and advertised.

Council Member Johnson left the Council Chambers at the hour of 3:53 p.m. and returned at the hour of 3:55 p.m.

Willie Agee commented that he was neither against it nor in favor of it and relayed an experience that occurred earlier in the day at a restaurant.

Michael Benbow, District 1, commented that he was opposed to removing the human element and replacing it with machinery and the need for judgement.

Diane Sambrano referred to fees and services of the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program and inquired who will determine what intersections will be used for installation of the cameras. She expressed hope that cameras would be placed where there were more accidents rather than where more income would be generated.

No other persons wishing to address the City Council on this matter, Mayor Dorn declared the public comment section closed at the hour of 3:59 p.m.

Joseph T. Rouzan, City Administrator, commented that this was not a program driven by outside. He added that he has been working with implementing such a program for the past three years when he became aware of an increase in traffic. He further commented that this was a sound program that would reduce traffic, increase safety to the public and noted that Council should give serious consideration to it.

Council Member Fernandez commented that this was an issue that dealt with public safety and the City has only a certain amount of money in its reserves and it must maximize public safety. He further commented that this program should be publicized and given an amnesty period for 30 days so people would know it is there. In addition he noted that this will free up police resources and create new resources for the city to hire more officers or create more time for officers on the job. He also noted that Inglewood was not the first to use the program and could learn from the experiences. This program would create a much safer city. Finally, he commented that he supported staff bringing it to the Council

Council Member Johnson commented that she supported the program and the locations should be publicized. She noted that such a program was needed especially as the City grows. She also commented that the statistics regarding injuries and fatalities was staggering.

Council Member Price commented that he supported the program and has been tracking it since its approval by the Parking Commission. He further commented that several programs have been evaluated but the proposed program appears to be the best available. He commented that there were concerns regarding accuracy of the program, length of contract and compensation involved. He pointed out that there would be two opportunities to go to court and noted that his focus was on saving lives.

Council Member Dunlap referred to the cost of $55,000 per location for the cameras and inquired if there would be a security camera on the camera. She commented that she felt it was a good program and looked forward to increased safety for the community.

Dr. Rosenberg commented that the cameras are vandal and bullet proof and noted that additional security has been discussed.

Mayor Dorn commented that his is an excellent program and noted that there were 7 major streets that ran through the City and commented that 20 locations was enough and the fee not sufficient. He noted that Council should think about a $200 traffic ticket, which he felt would stop the injuries. He noted that the City was the gateway to the airport and should be protected and agreed upon the need for an amnesty period.

By consensus of Council by a unanimous vote, citizen input was received and Agreement No. 03-36 with Redflex Traffic Systems was approved.

Mayor Dorn declared the meeting recessed at the hour of 4:19 p.m.

Mayor Dorn again called the meeting to order at the hour of 5:22 p.m.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH INGLEWOOD POLICE ASSOCIATION AND INGLEWOOD POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.**
Closed session to discuss labor negotiations with Inglewood Police Association (IPA) and Inglewood Police Management Association (IPMA), Government Code Section 54957.6.

The City Administrator reported that Council provided direction to the City Administrator with regards to facilitating labor negotiations with IPA and IPMA.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – SETTLEMENT APPROVED – FRED SAENZ WORKERS COMPENSATION.** Closed session – Attorney/Client Privileged – Fred Saenz, proposed workers' compensation settlement, Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Johnson that the City Council does hereby approve, confirm and ratify settlement in the amount of $40,000. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Johnson and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – INGLEWOOD CIVIC PLAZA VS. CITY OF INGLEWOOD.** Closed session – Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged – Inglewood Civic Plaza v. City of Inglewood, LASC Case No.: BC266604, Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

It was moved by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Johnson that the City does hereby approve, confirm and ratify that settlement did not involve money and included maintenance of status quo. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez Johnson and Mayor Dorn;
Noes: None.

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.

Dr. Mildred McNair spoke concerning the history of Rogers Park.

Michael Benbow spoke concerning a modular skating rink.

Ms. Bell spoke concerning freedom of speech.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning misrepresentation of agenda item dealing with medical insurance benefits for elected officials.

Johnny Inghram spoke concerning health benefits and the red light photo enforcement program.

Willie Agee explained a missed Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Dorn declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 5:47 p.m.

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City Clerk

Approved this _____day of _____, 2003

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Mayor

February 25, 2003