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Adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 1978, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Nelson. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. James Burger led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend LeRoy Brandes, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Brown moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof 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 Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No meetings scheduled.

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PRESENTATIONS:

8. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Laura Pierce.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION  
TO LAURA PIERCE FOR HER SERVICE AS 1977  
MISS TORRANCE

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-67. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Formal presentation was made by Mayor Armstrong, with best wishes for her continued success -- there was grateful acceptance by Miss Pierce.

9. PLAQUES TO OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS:

In recognition of their outstanding service to the City, Mayor Armstrong presented plaques to outgoing Commissioners Bill Applegate (Civil Service Commission) and James Burger (Park and Recreation Commission).

PROCLAMATION:

10. NATIONAL SECRETARIES WEEK - April 23 through 29.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

11. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS:

Present to be interviewed for Commission appointments were: James Amato, Warner Berg, Lewis Briganti, Robert Fraser, Fred Harris, William Henderson, Max Kelly, Terry Lewison, Patricia McIntyre, Arthur Miller, Carol Muir, Mary Rhodes, Stan Smith, Leonard Snow and John Fetterly.

Appointments were:

Civil Service Commission:

Max Kelly (term to expire 1980); Terry Lewison (1981).

Park and Recreation Commission:

Stan Smith

Torrance Disaster Council:

Arthur Miller.

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Considered out of order:

PLANNING HEARINGS:

14. PP 77-48, MARTIN ROUGEAUX.

Mayor Armstrong noted that the requested profile has not been viewed by the Council in that it was constructed only this date, and recommended that this matter be held until this can be accomplished.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to hold Item #14 to the Council meeting of April 18th to allow on-site review by the members of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

12. PARADISE PARK TENNIS COURTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARK AND RECREATION:

That your Honorable Body deny the appeal and retain the tennis courts at Paradise Park in the present (southeast) location.

Staff presentation was provided by Director of Park and Recreation Milkovich.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Hoper, 21313 Evelyn, pointed out the likelihood of early morning noise from the courts and the night-lighted walkway close to residences and the attendant problems which will be presented.

The next speaker was Mr. Bob Mason, 5405 Wilma, owner of property at 21321 Evelyn, who reviewed teenager problems at this park; a tennis court with shielded fencing would be detrimental to police surveillance.

Council discussion ensued. Reviewed were the extensive public hearings in this matter, the fact that the contract has been let, lighting costs, the merits of delayed installation of lighting, metered hours of operation, etc.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of Staff; the motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Brown: To deny the appeal and go forward with the construction of the tennis courts, holding up on the lighting until the Director of Park and Recreation can ascertain the impact of deleting same and providing

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such report to Council. The substitute motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert, Wilson;  
Mayor Armstrong.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

13. ORDINANCE re: TAXI CAB OPERATIONS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2817

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR LICENSE FEES FOR TAXI CABS AND CERTAIN OTHER REGULATIONS OF TAXI CAB OPERATIONS

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brown, concurred in by the Council, that Section 33.17.7 have an added clause requiring that the levels of performance shall be maintained by the taxicab company at all times within the term of their franchise.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2817 at its first reading, as above amended. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING HEARINGS:

14. PP 77-48, Martin Rougeaux.

Continued to April 18th - See Page 3.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

15. RESOLUTION re: Urban Mass Transportation Administration application.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on the application by the City of Torrance for an Urban Mass Transportation Operating Assistance Grant for the Torrance Transit System.

At the request of the Mayor, City Clerk Nelson presented Proof of Publication and Affidavit of Mailing.

Staff presentation was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay, with the assistance of pertinent slides. Mr. Horkay's verbatim comments follow: The monies are entirely for operations, fuel, oil and wages, and no new equipment will be purchased. As a matter of interest, we are now operating over one million miles per year, and we are carrying about 1½ million passengers.

Mayor Armstrong inquired if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Brown moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Clarification was provided regarding the Los Angeles County Subsidy, at the request of Councilman Applegate.

At the request of Councilman Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 78-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR AN OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-68. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The hour being 8:30 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

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16. APPLICATION FOR TAXICAB PERMIT - Wilmington Cab Company of California dba United Checker Cab Company.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Finance Director Dundore who noted the recommendation of the License Review Board that the license be issued, invited comments from the audience.

Representing Wilmington Cab Company, Mr. Wagih Meleka, vice present, was present to answer any questions.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Rossberg reiterated his past expressed concerns regarding the need for an audited financial statement. Finance Director Dundore noted that this company is audited by the City of Los Angeles where they also hold a license.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to find affirmative answers to Staff questions, and to grant the subject application to permit the operation of taxicabs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the direction of Councilman Brown that there be further study by Staff relative to the requirement of audited financial statements on all future applications.

The following SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: To hold Item #16 until the Council has an audited financial statement or an analysis of the audit done by the City of Los Angeles -- this item to be returned to the Council on April 25th at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

17. TORRANCE SKYCRAFT request to assign leasehold interest located at 25315 Bellanca Way to Southwest Skyways.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: That the City Council waive the Airport Leasing Policy provision pertaining to the assignment of month-to-month leases and authorize the Land Management Team to negotiate a month-to-month lease with Southwest Skyways for the premises at 25315 Bellanca Way. This lease agreement to be subject to payment of all delinquent rent payments.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Concurs with the recommendation of the Department of Transportation and Land Management Team. In addition, further recommends that an additional 40' sq. parcel be retained by Southwest Skyways for an observation/picnic area.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brown, concurred in by the Council, that there be an added requirement to assure registration of aircraft.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Land Management Team and Department of Transportation, with the added requirement that the aircraft be registered.

Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, Madrona Homeowners Association, voiced concerns of record pertaining to rental rates, rates and charges, wholesale price index, etc. It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that Mr. Greene present his written comments to Staff for their review and response.

Also reviewed by Mr. Greene was the competition aspect of City-owned T-hangars, the subleasing of tie-down spaces, etc. It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that these concerns likewise be submitted in writing to Staff for clarification.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Land Management Team and Department of Transportation, subject to the lease being returned

to the Council for review, with the option of cancellation if not satisfied with the language therein. The motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Geissert,  
Rossberg; Mayor Armstrong.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson (better to wait until specific  
answers have been provided).

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that upon completion of the negotiations of the subject document, that that document be brought back to Council as an agenda item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered by the Council at this time:

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION re: Dial-A-Lift Transit Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST  
TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AND DAVE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR  
OPERATION OF A DIAL-A-LIFT TRANSIT SERVICE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-69. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Betty Schapira deemed this a "fine beginning" and stated that the resolution is sufficiently flexible to be adapted to the needs of the handicapped.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that Staff return with a report in six months regarding the subject program.

The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

REAL PROPERTY:

18. PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF HANGAR LEASE FROM JAMES WHITE to  
COGAN ENTERPRISES.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM/DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION: Approval of the assignment and adoption of the subject resolution of authorization, subject to reimbursement of the City by Mr. and Mrs. White for preparation of the assignment.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Concurs with the Land Management Team with the conditions that:

- the assignment of John B. Cogan (number 6) be changed to Cogan Enterprises, Inc., as requested by Mr. Cogan.
- the assignments be subject to all City departments having jurisdiction.
- firewalls be constructed and cross utility easements be granted as required.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF HANGAR LEASE (HANGAR SITE NO. 9) DATED \_\_\_\_\_ FROM JAMES A WHITE AND MAXINE M. WHITE TO COGAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of the Land Management Team, Department of Transportation and Airport Commission, and for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-70, subject to the requirement that the aircraft be registered. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Ed Greene, Madrona Homeowners, reaffirmed his earlier expressed concerns, to be researched by Staff, and questioned tiedown rates, hangar rents, possessory interest tax, etc. -- clarification was provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer, Sr. Administrative Assistant Payne and Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

- 19. RESOLUTION supporting the exemption of the proposed Sundesert Nuclear Power Plant from nuclear legislation of 1976.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT:

That your Honorable Body take a "no position" stance on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER DEPARTMENT/WATER COMMISSION:

That your Honorable Body adopt a resolution supporting the exemption of the Sundesert Nuclear Power Plant from 1976 nuclear legislation.

Formal presentations were provided by Environmental Quality Administrator Godfrey; Mr. Richard Clemmer, Sr. Engineer, Planning Division, Metropolitan Water District; and Mr. Ben Haggott, Director, Metropolitan Water District.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Water Department and Water Commission. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 78-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUNDESERT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-71. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION re: Dial-A-Lift Transit Service.

Considered earlier in the meeting - See Page 9.

21. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ADVERTISING for premises located at 2929 Airport Drive and authority for negotiation of a lease with Benbow Aviation.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT COMMISSION: Waiver of the advertising for the premises at 2929 Airport Drive and requests authority to negotiate a month-to-month lease agreement between the City and Benbow Aviation.

Mr. Ed Greene questioned whether or not all aircraft involved with Benbow's current lease<sup>are</sup> in line with the noise ordinance, are they all registered, and, if they are not, why should they have any preferential treatment? Will the subject contract be returned to Council for approval? Of further concern to Mr. Greene was the non-advertising of this particular operation. Response to these concerns was provided by Sr. Administrative Assistant Payne, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that the lease ultimately be referred back to Council for final approval; further, that any action on this assignment be deemed to include the requirement of registration of the aircraft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22. TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM 1978-79 TRANSPORTATION PLAN ELEMENTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That Council approve the following 1978-79 Transportation Plan Elements for the Torrance Transit System:

- A. Transportation Improvement Program
- B. Short Range Transit Plan (including Elderly and Handicapped Program).

Staff presentation was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Transportation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. ORDINANCE re: Modification of Continuity of Service Language -TPOA.

ORDINANCE NO. 2818

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF PART VIII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2818 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2816.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 2019, 2039 AND 2059 WEST ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 77-20, CLARA AND MIKE BOLDUR

Councilman Brown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2816 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

25. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That Council approve On-the-Job Training contract with Johnson's Alignment Service, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

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26. PARCEL MAP NO. 10403.

Owner: Charles T. Rippy, Jr.  
 Engineer: Consolidated Consultants, Inc.  
 Location: 2246 West 239th Street  
 No. of Lots: 3

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That your Honorable Body approve Parcel Map 10403 and accept the dedications made thereon.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #25 and #26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 10:35 P.M., the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 10:36 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. City Librarian West reported the recommendation of the Library Commission that the week of April 16th through the 22nd be a "Fine Free Week" for Torrance citizens. Councilman Wilson so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mr. West also announced that the 10th Annual Book Sale by the Friends of the Library will begin on April 16th.

28. City Manager Ferraro commended the efforts of Messrs. Ray Schmidt, Dave Grosse and Arthur Horkay for their outstanding efforts in behalf of the Torrance Transit System -- this System now serving some 1,000 passengers per day -- "we have come a long way".

29. Councilman Rossberg commended all responsible for the recent Ken Miller Night at the Holiday Inn -- an outstanding event which gave due tribute to a very fine Mayor.

30. Clarification regarding Council action on April 4th in the matter of CUP 77-87, Balingit and Regalado, was requested by Councilman Rossberg. It was clarified by Planning Director Shartle that the matter was referred back to the Planning Commission for an acceptable redesign and for rezoning -- further, that there be a circulation study with access options. This would represent a time period of approximately eight weeks, per Mr. Shartle.

31. Mayor Armstrong requested appropriate recognition for the "Mite-Mites", Central Torrance Region 15 AYSO, in that they are All-Star Champions of the entire southern half of the State.

32. Staff attention to the mess at the former Gulf Station at 182nd and Crenshaw was requested by Mayor Armstrong -- proper parties should be contacted.

33. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition for Division 3 Girls Team, West Torrance AYSO champions.

34. Appropriate recognition for the North High Softball Team, State Champions, was requested by Councilman Wilson.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

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*Sherie L. Nelson*  
 SHERIE L. NELSON, Clerk of the  
 City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

*James R. Armstrong*  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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