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Adjourned at 7:30 P.M. to Tuesday, April 25,
1978 at 5:00 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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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 18, 1978, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Brown arrived at 5:35 P.M.; it was necessary for Councilman Wilson to leave at 6:25 P.M. 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:

Mrs. Erika Grubb led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend LeRoy Brandes, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 1978, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Park, Recreation and Community Development:

Will meet with School Board on April 20th at 4:00 P.M.

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Ad Hoc re: Taxation:

A workshop session has been scheduled for April 20th
at 3:30 P.M.

PRESENTATION:8. INAUGURATION OF CITY KEY MEMENTO.

Councilmembers were gifted with the first City Key by Mrs. Erika Grubb, Director of Fine Arts, Joslyn Center -- these lovely keys were handcrafted at the Joslyn Center and were presented with much pride and pleasure.

PROCLAMATIONS:

9. PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - April 23-29, 1978.

10. SEARCH AND SERVE WEEK - April 24, 1978.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:11. CHARLES H. WILSON PARK - Phase I Development.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR/PARK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR: That Council accept the low bid of \$1,505,000, and award the contract for Phase I development of Charles H. Wilson Park to Valley Crest Landscape, Inc. and transfer \$200,000 from the Unappropriated Federal Revenue Sharing funds to cover the additional costs for this project.

Staff presentation was provided by Park Services Administrator Hoffman.

Following discussion, Councilwoman Geissert MOVED to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Park and Recreation Director and the Park Services Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:12. PP 77-48, MARTIN ROUGEAUX.

Heard later in the meeting - See Page 4.

(Councilman Wilson left the meeting at this time, 6:25 PM.)

13. PP 77-52, NORMAN QUIENT. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a two-story commercial building in the R-1 zone on property located at 2121 West Carson Street. DENIED BY PLANNING COMMISSION. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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 presentation by Planning Associate Ferren, invited comments from the audience.

Representing the proponent, attorney Ken Poole related the proposed development of the subject property, the objections voiced by easterly neighbor (Mrs. Marjorie Moss), resultant revisions, etc. It was the request of Mr. Poole that the Council approve the two-story structure now presented and that the suggested setbacks not be imposed.

Also present was Mr. Rick Moser, architect for the project, 2075 Palos Verdes Drive North, Lomita, who described the unique requirements of this parcel of land.

Protesting the proposed development were: Mr. Bob Fraser, 2325 Sonoma Street, representing Central Torrance Homeowners Association; Mrs. Marjorie Moss, 1542 El Prado, (also provided background history of the subject property); Mr. Elmer Connad, 1528 El Prado; Ms. Elizabeth Matthews, 2203 Carson Street; and Mr. Carl Guttenfelder, 1508 El Prado. Reasons cited were: incompatibility, parking problems, traffic hazards, etc.

Communications submitted were: petition of protest from Central Torrance Homeowners Association; letters of protest from Mr. Wilbur Taubenheim and Williard O. Welley, 1444 El Prado.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Brown moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to DENY THE APPEAL and to concur with the Planning Commission in DENIAL of PP 77-52. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, yes being for denial (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

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The Council now returned to:

12. PP 77-48, MARTIN ROUGEAUX. Appeal, regarding request for approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow a second story addition to an existing single-family residence in the R-1 zone on property located at 249 Paseo de Granada. DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE BY PLANNING COMMISSION. PLANNING DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject continued public hearing. Building and Safety Director McKinnon advised that as of 5:00 P.M. this date no temporary framework was up to indicate any kind of a silhouette. It was the further report of Mr. McKinnon that the proponent has indicated he does not wish to become involved any further.

The Mayor then inquired if Mr. Rougeaux, or his representative, was present. There was no response.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilwoman Geissert moved that the hearing be closed. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

Mayor Armstrong stated that he has been advised that the subject property is for sale, despite the proponent's testimony to the contrary. It was the further comment of the Mayor that Mr. Rougeaux has put the Council, Staff members, and residents of the neighborhood to a large degree of inconvenience in this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to DENY THE APPEAL. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, yes being for denial. (Councilman Wilson absent.)

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

14. ORDINANCE repealing R-H Zone from the Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 2819

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR REPEAL OF R-H ZONE AND MAKING OTHER APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO REFLECT SAID APPEAL

Councilman Brown moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2819 at its first reading. His motion ^{was} seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

REAL PROPERTY:

15. ROLLING HILLS PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council concur with Mr. Levitt's request re: Notice of Consent to Use Land, per April 6, 1978 communication, of record.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute and attest the subject Notice of Consent to Use Land as requested by Mr. Albert Levitt to protect his rights in the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2817.

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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

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2817 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

17: ORDINANCE NO. 2818.

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

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2818 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

18. RESOLUTION authorizing Assumption of Liability Agreement with the County of Los Angeles developed as an adjunct to the General Services Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEVELOPED AS AN ADJUNCT TO THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-73. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Questioned by Councilman Brown was the absence of a clause from the County to the City which would indemnify against dangerous conditions on public property, there being such a clause from the City to the County -- such a reciprocal provision, subject to the discretion of the City Attorney, was recommended by Mr. Brown. Councilwoman Geissert so AMENDED her above motion. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

19. RESOLUTION re: Special Municipal Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1978, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY ON THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF

TORRANCE; AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TO CONSOLIDATE SAID SPECIAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION WITH SAID STATEWIDE GENERAL
ELECTION

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-74. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

20. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body approve the contract with Graham and Halvorsen Insurance Company for On-The-Job Training, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Manpower Programs Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

21. RESOLUTION commending Dr. Lloyd G. Jones.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING DR. LLOYD G.
JONES UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-72. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (it was the earlier request of Councilman Wilson that this resolution reflect his affirmative vote).

22. GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF SLOPE DISTRESS - City-owned property between Via Corona and Vista Largo.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council appropriate \$7200 from the General Fund Reserve for purposes of employing Converse Davis Dixon Associates, Inc. to perform the consultant services as specified in their April 11, 1978 proposal to the City Manager's office.

It is estimated that the stabilization of the slope will require immediate attention and it will therefore require that a subsequent appropriation be made from the General Fund Reserve for this purpose. It is difficult to estimate the cost of that work at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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The hour being 7:15 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:16 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

23. City Manager Ferraro noted the Executive Session scheduled for 5:00 P.M. on April 25th, with regular Council business to commence at 7:00 P.M.

24. The "Official Badge of Office" was presented to Councilman Applegate and Mayor Armstrong, with pride and pleasure, by Police Chief Nash.

25. Councilman Applegate reviewed recent memo from the Park and Recreation Director re: Paradise Park and noted the need for "more meaningful justification" -- this need has been noted as well in other departmental memos.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that this matter be pursued by the City Manager with Executive Staff.

26. Councilman Brown requested that there be a meeting of the Transportation Committee regarding policies and priorities on Airport leases -- such meeting to be in public session with the Land Management Team. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

27. Recent Fire Department public presentations were commended by Councilman Rossberg. Also noted by Mr. Rossberg were recent communications of praise regarding City Clerk Nelson, Planning/ Building and Safety Staff, and Library services.

28. Appropriate recognition for the Del Amo Rotary Club and their Community Service Award was requested by Mayor Armstrong.

29. Mr. Paul MacAfee, 4526 Vista Largo, indicated concurrence with the proposed geological survey near his property, and commented that there may be other areas of City-owned land in like danger, as well as private property, which should be stabilized. Building and Safety Director McKinnon advised that such a program is currently underway.

At 7:30 P.M., Councilman Rossberg moved to adjourn to Tuesday, April 25, 1978, at 5:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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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

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