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Adjourned at 12 Midnight.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

PRE-BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 1980, at the hour of 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of a Pre-Budget Workshop in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at 6:10 P.M. Absent: Councilman Brown.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

City Manager Ferraro made a formal presentation regarding the 1980-81 Budget.

Council discussion followed. Areas of concern were: levels of service, anticipated salary increases, possible cutbacks re: facilities, recruitment of desirable employees, likely need for volunteer assistance, CETA employment, needed review re: utility users tax, development of Airport properties and City-owned land, effect of School District budget on the City's budget, unfilled positions, disability cases, the pros and cons of contracting services, the possibility of selling City services to surrounding cities, imperative maintenance needs, the necessity of continued resistance to raids on the City's sales tax and to State-mandated programs, etc.

Comments from the audience were invited by the Mayor.

Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, offered the following observations: there is a need to restructure the utility users tax so that it will be more equitable; a savings could be effected in City stationery supplies by not using watermarked bond paper; there is an acute need to properly prune City trees; something needs to be done with the oil severance tax - adjustment of same is in order.

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On conclusion of the Pre-Budget Workshop Session, Mayor Armstrong ordered a 5-minute recess -- the hour was 6:55 P.M.

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The Council returned at 7:00 P.M. and resumed its regular agenda order.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Budget Officer Ng led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Councilman Wilson.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Applegate 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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION - "Census Day" - April 1, 1980.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "RSVP Appreciation Day"

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8c. PRESENTATION TO BEST PRODUCTS.

Mayor Armstrong presented a Community Services Award plaque to Best Products for their interest in community activities and warmly commended them for their outstanding efforts.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. TRAFFIC PATTERN SUGGESTIONS:RECOMMENDATIONS OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

1. That the full Council reaffirm their concurrence of Staff's recommendation regarding Section I of the traffic pattern suggestions with the changes reflected in the subject material;
2. That Staff be directed to implement the suggestions in Section I no later than May 1, 1980;
3. That the City Attorney be directed to prepare revisions and additions to the Torrance City Code to support the implementation of Section I and return them to City Council before April 15, 1980;
4. That Staff report back to the City Council November 1, 1980, on the effectiveness of the suggestions in Section I and include any recommendations for changes, deletions or additions.

Noted by Councilman Rossberg was the February 27, 1980 communication from Mr. Kenneth Yocom, Chief, Torrance Tower. with recommended wording changes for items #6, #14, #21 and #22. This request has not yet been reviewed by the Transportation Committee, and it was his recommendation, concurred in by Committee member Applegate, that these items be excluded at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of the Transportation Committee with the exception of items #6, #14, #21 and #22 in Section 1, Page 7 of the subject material -- these items to be returned to the Transportation Committee for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

10b. CRENSHAW BOULEVARD WIDENING - Maricopa Street to Carson Street.RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. That your Honorable Body find that the project may have an adverse environmental impact but that the need for the project and its benefit to the public override and surpass any adverse environmental impact.
2. That proceeding with project design, right-of-way acquisition and preparation for construction be approved.

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Staff presentations were provided by Sr. C.E. Associate Bourbonnais and Director of Transportation Horkay.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Armstrong.

Speakers were:

Gerald K. Ward, Crenshaw Boulevard property owner, described current traffic problems on Crenshaw, the inappropriateness of the bike lane, etc. -- the proposed project will be a detriment to lives on that street and serious safety hazards will be presented.

Ms. Jackie Tracy, representing the Apartment and Motel Association, reaffirmed their concerns regarding parking (communications of record).

Like concerns regarding parking and traffic were voiced by: Dr. Robert Barrett, 1324 Crenshaw; Richard Hauser, 1625 Crenshaw; Stan Burns, 1230 Crenshaw; and Michael Courtney, 2467 Sonoma Street.

Council discussion ensued, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendations, with the exception of the irregular curb lines; further, that the parking concerns be referred to the Traffic Commission. Specifically noted was the fact that the Council has reviewed and considered the Environmental Impact Report as part of its decision. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (cannot support the section between Torrance Boulevard and Carson at this time.)
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

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The hour being 8:35 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Agreement with Crocker National Bank for Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOANS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CROCKER NATIONAL BANK

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-46. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

- 13a.
- ORDINANCE
- re: Control of Bees.

It was the unanimous concurrence of Council that Ordinance "A" be adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2955

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING IT TO BE AN OFFENSE TO KEEP BEES, OR TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF BEES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXCEPT UPON LAND WHICH IS ZONED FOR OR USED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, AND ONLY WHEN BEE HIVES ARE MAINTAINED NOT LESS THAN 300 FEET FROM RESIDENCES, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2955 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2956

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING IT TO BE AN OFFENSE TO KEEP BEES, OR TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF BEES WITHIN THE CITY OF

TORRANCE EXCEPT UPON LAND WHICH IS ZONED FOR OR USED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, AND ONLY WHEN BEE HIVES ARE MAINTAINED NOT LESS THAN 300 FEET FROM RESIDENCES, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2955 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2956 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brown absent).

13b. ORDINANCE prohibiting Training by Transient Aircraft.

ORDINANCE NO. 2957

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 51.5.7 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN OPERATIONS BY TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2957 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. FIRE CHIEF EXAMINATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR: That your Honorable Body concur in the recommendation of Staff and the Civil Service Commission to conduct the Fire Chief examination on a promotional basis.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur in the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

14b. RESOLUTION re: Title VI Work Experience Program - CETA.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 80-40 ADJUSTED SALARIES AND WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT, PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT (PSE)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-47. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. ZC 79-21, GPA 79-4, CHARLES GOTANDA. Request for a change of zone from C-R and C-2 PP to R-3 or C-2 PP, and a General Plan Amendment to allow the construction of a 79-unit condominium at the northeast corner of Artesia Boulevard and Casimir Avenue. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL - PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DENIAL.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Babb, 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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Representing the proponent, Ms. Catherine Smith reviewed the problems set forth by the Planning Staff-- parking, noise, etc. Desired clarification was provided the Council.

Speaking in opposition to the proposed development, based on varied problems which will be generated, were Ms. Judy Root, 17233 Casimir, and P. Van Dyne, 17309 Casimir.

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

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission re: ZC 79-21 for a change of zone to R-3 Precise Plan, with the added condition that there be a deceleration lane to the satisfaction of the Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to so amend the General Plan, based on the above action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

16. APPEALS:

- 16a. PP 79-24, D 79-29, CUP 79-72 through CUP 79-79.
DUNN PROPERTIES CORPORATION. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Parcel Map, Precise Plan of Development and eight Conditional Use Permits permitting the construction of 37 industrial buildings in the M-1 PP zone on property located north of Lomita Boulevard, east of Madison Street and south of 235th Street. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND DENIAL OF APPEAL, ALLOWING THE PROJECT TO PROCEED AS APPROVED.

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

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place in the matter of the appeal by W.G. Wells, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Councilman Applegate announced that he would ABSTAIN for the reason of professional interests, and thereupon departed from the Council Chambers.

Representing the proponent, Mr. George Bernhardt refuted the position of the appellant that the EIR is outdated, that there have been substantial changes in the design parameters, etc. Mr. Bernhardt then responded to the March 25, 1980 communication from Mr. William G. Wells, received at 5:29 P.M. and deemed same a "very serious distortion of the facts".

Mayor Armstrong inquired if either Mr. Wells or his representative were present, or if anyone else wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilwoman Geissert moved that the hearing be closed. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate abstaining; Councilman Brown absent).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to DENY THE APPEAL, finding two facts to be true; the project as presently applied for by Dunn Properties is substantially the same as the kind of project addressed in the original Environmental Impact Report; the environmental impacts of that project are substantially the same as those described in the EIR. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate abstained; Councilman Brown absent).

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Wages, Salaries and Working Conditions.

See Page 12.

17b. DEVELOPER SELECTION - Airport Commercial Site.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM/AIRPORT COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Approval of Urban West Communities as the developer of the subject property. (Additional conditions recommended by Airport Commission/Department of Transportation).

Staff presentation was provided by Roy Payne, Executive Officer, Land Management Team.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that in a matter of this magnitude it would be preferable that the Council review the applicants and make the final decision.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that Item 17b. be held and rescheduled with a presentation by each of the three final applicants. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:20a. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND MADISON STREET - Contract No. M-5001(19)

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: That the work be accepted as completed and final payment be made to S&W Electrical Contractors, Inc.

20b. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR REPAINTING STREET LEGENDS, CURBS AND TAXI WAY AND RUNWAY MARKINGS IN DOWNTOWN TORRANCE AND AT THE TORRANCE AIRPORT. Ref. Bid No. B79-86

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR: Inasmuch as it is judged that City forces can do the work for less money, it is recommended that your Honorable Body reject all bids received on bid B79-86 (City force developed by Transportation Department).

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Standby Emergency Generator (Dual-Fuel) for Fire Station No. 1.
Ref. Bid No. B80-22 Expenditure: \$7,326.72

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council award the contract for the required Standby Emergency Generator to Generator Equipment Company in the total amount of \$7,326.72, including tax.

- 20d. APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN BLUFF COURT SOUTH OF NEWTON STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. That \$11,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of the subject sewer.
2. That upon completion of construction, Staff is directed to return to the City Council with a Proposed Reimbursement District to recover costs of the sewer construction.

- 20e. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Budgeted Replacement Police and Fire Sedans (Cooperative Purchase with Los Angeles County - REF. Bid No. R1356)
Expenditure: \$100,136.73

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the City of Torrance participating in a "Cooperative" purchase program with Los Angeles County for the purchase of the required 11 Police and 3 Fire vehicles; and it is recommended that Council award a contract to the low responsive bidder of the Los Angeles County bid #R1356, Maurice J. Sopp & Son, Chevrolet, for the vehicles in the total amount of \$100,136.73, including tax.

- 20f. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Storm Drain in Cabrillo Avenue from 220th Street to 300 feet south of 222nd Street (B80-17)

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That the contract be awarded to D.G. CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY and all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d, 20e and 20f. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

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The hour being 10:00 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 10:20 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. It was the request of Councilman Applegate that Environmental Review Board consideration re: revisions in the Housing Element be continued until there can be Staff input regarding the overall implications in this matter. (This item scheduled for the Environmental Review Board meeting of April 2, 1980.)

22b. Councilman Applegate recommended that the South Bay Free Clinic be contacted re: the possibility of obtaining a low interest loan for the handicapped from the City of Torrance.

22c. Councilman Rossberg reviewed the need for simplified wording in ads (with specific reference to the above noted Housing Element hearing) as well as the need for Council approval before scheduling an item of this nature. It was the added comment of Mayor Armstrong that in such sensitive areas the Council should be forewarned.

22d. Councilman Rossberg recommended that a copy of Planning Director Shartle's March 21st communication to the Los Angeles Area Urban Development housing head be forwarded to appropriate legislators.

22e. Councilman Rossberg announced that Councilman Applegate was elected Vice Chairman of the Corridor Study Committee.

22f. It was also announced by Councilman Rossberg that Ed Russ will be speaking at the meeting of the South Bay Cities Association on March 27th re: transportation problems and solutions -- Staff representation was recommended by Mr. Rossberg.

22g. Councilman Rossberg regretfully noted the imminent retirement of Fire Chief Slonecker -- "we have a great Fire Chief, and I hate to lose him."

22h. Councilman Walker reported on his very worthwhile trip to the National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C.

22i. City Manager Ferraro advised that the local HUD office is desirous of meeting with City of Torrance Staff re: recent Council action on housing matters.

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Mayor Armstrong indicated concurrence with such a meeting, so long as it is held in Torrance. Also noted by the Mayor were the April 9th, 10th and 11th meetings scheduled with HUD officials in Washington, D.C. to be attended by Councilmen Applegate, Brown and the Mayor.

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ITEM 17a. - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:35 P.M., the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: Wages, Salaries and Working Conditions, returning at 12 Midnight. No action was taken.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 12 Midnight.

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SHERIE L. NELSON, Clerk of the City
of Torrance


Mayor of the City of Torrance

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