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Adjourned at 8:05 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 1, 1980, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Water System Manager Borgwat led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Harold Slusher, Walteria United Methodist Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. APPOINTMENT OF THE 1980-1982 PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL.RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER DIVISION:

That your Honorable Body confirm the appointment of the following members to the 1980-1982 Torrance Private Industry Council.

J. Walker Owens
 Frank Zellner
 Robert Quarnstrom
 Ms. Carol Boots
 William Johnson
 Ms. Jean Anderson
 Frank Washburn
 Ralph Hawley
 Ms. Paulette Hoffmeyer
 Ms. Carol Cooley
 Ronald Cawdrey
 Jerry Bresnahan

Introductions were made by Mr. J. Walker Owens, and congratulations were extended by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to confirm the above appointments to the 1980-1982 Torrance Private Industry Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8b. DONATION FROM THE DEL AMO ROTARY CLUB OF TORRANCE.

A check in the amount of \$400 was presented the City of Torrance to assist in the bicycle safety program by Mr. Ted Porter, on behalf of the Del Amo Rotary Club of Torrance. This check was accepted, with gratitude, by Chief Nash.

8c. RESOLUTION expressing congratulations to Torrance Unified School District Employees.RESOLUTION NO. 80-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FOR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO _____

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-48. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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15. HEARINGS:15a. EA 79-54, Torrance Unified School District.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. RESOLUTION re: destruction of certain unneeded City records and documents.RESOLUTION NO. 80-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-
ING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN
UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS
WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilwoman Geissert moved for adoption of Resolution No. 80-49. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17b. RESOLUTION re: assignment of Airport Hangar Lease - Boies and Muriel Bevans to Melvin Heflinger.RESOLUTION NO. 80-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT HANGAR
LEASE DATED OCTOBER 1, 1970 BETWEEN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AND BOIES M. BEVANS AND
MURIEL E. BEVANS TO ALLOW FOR PARTIAL
ASSIGNMENT AND PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF HANGAR
LEASE (HANGAR SITE NO. 11 - PARCEL B-2)
FROM BOIES M. BEVANS AND MURIEL E. BEVANS
TO MELVIN E. HEFLINGER

Councilwoman Geissert moved adoption of Resolution No. 80-50. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17c. RESOLUTION re: Downtown Torrance Redevelopment Project Acquisition of Properties by Eminent Domain, 1407, 1409 and 1411 Cravens Avenue.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2956.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 BEEHIVES ARE MAINTAINED NOT LESS THAN 300 FEET FROM RESIDENCES, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2955 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2956 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 2957.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

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2957 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT for furnishing Crushed Rock, Aggregate Base and Plaster Sand - Ref. Bid B80-19
Expenditure: \$36,515.50RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body award a six-month contract to the low bidder, The Brown Company, dba Livingston-Graham, for the City's six-month requirements of crushed rock aggregate base, and plaster sand in the total amount of \$36,515.50.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of 3 1/2" Fire Hose with Couplings - Ref. Bid #B80-24 Expenditure: \$7,394.56.RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body accept the low bid submitted by the American Rubber Company for the required hose,

and award a contract to them in the total amount of \$7,394.56, including tax.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings
Ref: Bid #B80-23 Expenditure: \$6,650.10

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council approve the award of a contract to the low bidder, Pacific State Cast Iron Pipe Company of Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$6,650.10, including sales tax. Funding will be from Capital Improvement Project No. 79271.

- 20d. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Resurfacing of Las Canchas Tennis Courts (budgeted). Ref. Bid #B80-03
Expenditure: \$12,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the bid submitted by the Parkinson Surfaces Company and award the contract to them for the required resurfacing work in the total amount of \$12,000.00, including tax.

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

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At 5:50 P.M. the Council recessed for the purpose of an Executive Session, returning at 6:06 P.M. No formal action was taken.

At 6:06 P.M., the Council again recessed, this time reconvening as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:20 P.M.

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Considered by the Council at this point in the meeting:

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17c. RESOLUTION re:Downtown Torrance Redevelopment Project Acquisition of Properties by Eminent Domain - 1407, 1409 and 1411 Cravens Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADVANCING THE SUM OF

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\$195,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND
RESERVE FOR REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE ACQUISITION
OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1407, 1409 AND
1411 CRAVENS AVENUE IN THE DOWNTOWN
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-51. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. EA 79-54, TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. Appeal of Environmental Review Board determination that an Environmental Impact Report be prepared for the Hillside School Site regarding a requested zone change (ZC 79-22) from P-U to RTH or R-1, located at 25660 Crenshaw Boulevard.

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 Acting Planning Associate Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

Representing the Torrance Unified School District, Dr. Walter Buettgenbach reaffirmed the position of the School District, of record, and further stated that the requirement of an Environmental Impact Report creates an unnecessary expense for the public, would delay the sale of the site and the resultant income, income desperately needed by the District for its Capital Improvement program. Council concurrence with the recommendation of the Planning Department that a Negative Declaration be issued on this project was requested by Dr. Buettgenbach.

Mr. Don Raefer, 2922 West 227th Street, representing "Concerned Citizens Against Low Income Housing in Torrance", requested, and received, clarification pertaining to possible impacts re: low income housing.

The following speakers urged that an Environmental Impact Report be prepared: Herman Wilson, 2614 Brian Avenue; William Otto, 2425 Faircross; John Derry, 2650 Brian Avenue; Mary Valerie, 26010 Calmhill Drive; Dave Lewis, 2517 Nearcliff; Leland Green, 2521 Nearcliff; E.C. Welch, 2413 Faircross; and Doug Owings.

Dr. Buettgenbach returned to respond to comments made by several of the above speakers alluding to slope problems on the school property, advising that the School District will cooperate with City Staff in alleviating this problem.

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 Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Following discussion, it was the overall consensus of the Council that an Environmental Impact Report should be prepared.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of the Environmental Review Board determination that an Environmental Impact Report be prepared, and to deny the appeal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Walker that the questions and concerns expressed can only be resolved when there is a developer with a set of plans to be reviewed by the interested and concerned parties -- the burden of a costly Environmental Impact Report should be borne by the developer rather than by the Torrance taxpayer.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate expressed appreciation to Street Superintendent Garcia for his expeditious and efficient handling of a recent citizen complaint.

22b. Councilman Applegate noted the scheduled Environmental Review Board hearing on the Housing Element on April 2nd, and offered the following MOTION: That the Environmental Review Board continue to an indefinite date the matter of the Housing Element of the General Plan.

Mr. Applegate added that this action is based upon the fact that there are continuing conversations with HUD officials re: low income housing, etc. This matter can be readvertised at a later date when the subject matter can be more clearly identified.

It was the request of Councilman Applegate that Staff return with an agenda item at the earliest convenient time that would allow for a request for an extension for the filing of the Housing Element amendment. The Council concurred in this request.

Councilman Rossberg seconded the above motion; approval was unanimous.

22c. Councilman Applegate congratulated the new "Miss Torrance" - Charmaine Kaimikaua - and commended the Torrance Jaycees for their outstanding efforts in this contest.

22d. Councilman Brown commended Chief Slonecker's report regarding the recent Mobil Oil fire, and stated that he would look forward to updated reports.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert reported on the status of the funding for Madrona Marsh (a prepared paper, of record), with note of the \$400,000 earmarked for the Marsh and the critical need to encumber these funds.

Mrs. Geissert offered the following MOTION: That the City Council direct the City Manager and the City's Legislative Advocate to develop strategies for encumbering the funds and to bring their report to us within two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Representing "Friends of Madrona Marsh", president Bill Arasmith stated they would very much appreciate any kind of help available.

22f. Councilman Rossberg regretfully noted the illness of Erika Grubb, and asked that the good wishes of the Council be conveyed to her.

22g. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition for the three North Torrance Eagle Scouts to be honored on April 12th. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22h. Appropriate recognition for Southern California State Championship AYSO Team, Boys Division IV, All Stars, was requested by Mayor Armstrong.

22i. Mayor Armstrong announced the appointment by Mayor Bradley of Councilman Applegate to the Policy Committee on Transportation, League of California Cities.

22j. Mayor Armstrong made the following appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee re: Executive Compensation: Councilmen Applegate, Brown (chairman), and Walker.

22k. Appropriate recognition for Battalion Chief Tracy Dale (recipient of Medal of Valor) was requested by Mayor Armstrong.

22l. Mayor Armstrong indicated his intention to oppose a request that the surcharge funds be used to develop a golf course on the site of the closed landfill at the L.A. County Sanitation District meeting on April 2nd.

22m. Mr. Watanabe, attorney representing the Japanese Language School at the Parkway School Site, with offices at 1319 Maple Street, Santa Monica, advised that the school has been sublet for use on Saturdays by his client. It has now been learned that occupation of the premises cannot take place until the Conditional Use Permit has been appropriately modified. Many preparations have been made to start teaching this coming weekend -- it is the opinion of Mr. Watanabe that a modification of the CUP is not necessary, the impact on the neighborhood will be minimal, security will be maintained, and the time factor is critical; Council assistance was requested.

The Council reviewed pertinent existing conditions of the Conditional Use Permit, interim relief, time factors, occupancy, Planning Commission schedules, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Council not terminate the Conditional Use Permit based upon occupancy within the next two weeks by this group. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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Sherie L. Nelson

SHERIE L. NELSON, Clerk of the City
of Torrance

James R. Armstrong

Mayor of the City of Torrance