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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 15, 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:

Acting Planning Associate Woodward led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Councilman Wilson provided the invocation for the meeting, followed by one minute of silence dedicated to the American hostages in Iran, as directed by Mayor Armstrong.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, 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 Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong reported on recent meetings with HUD officials in Washington, D.C. and deemed them both successful and encouraging. Also in attendance were Messrs. Rupert, Applegate and Brown. A written report will be forthcoming.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PROCLAMATION - "Public Schools Week" - April 20-26, 1980.8b. PROCLAMATION - "Youth Survey Day" - April 23, 1980.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8c. INTERVIEWS TO FILL VACANCY ON PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Applicants present were: William Henderson, Iris Jacobs, Art Jenkins, Michael Kraus, Helen Nowatka and Hope Witkowsky.

Appointed, by unanimous ballot, was Iris Jacobs.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT SERVICES FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER, PARK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR: That Council approve of Alternative 5 by awarding a contract to provide required landscape maintenance service for 26 City parkways and median islands in the total amount of \$56,508 to the firm of Midori Gardens as a Pilot Program in order to gain experience with contracted services. Council must then appropriate \$7,100 when adopting the 1980-81 budget to cover the cost for the remaining life of the contract.

Council discussion was directed to the considerable problems surrounding overall park and landscape maintenance throughout the City, budgetary considerations, etc.

Of specific concern to Councilman Applegate, concurred in by the Council, was the Staff-recommended revision in the work staff proposed by Midori Gardens -- the original bid was deemed appropriate.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation for Alternative 5, with the

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\* Correction made in minutes of May 13, 1980  
item number 5

exception of accepting the original proposal by Midori Gardens, i.e. one Supervisor and two workers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Pauline Greer, president, AFSCME, Local 1117, requested that action on this item be deferred until they may study same. The Local's serious concerns about contracting out work were noted by Ms. Greer, as was the desire to make cost comparisons. Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson clarified cost comparison procedures, and further noted that this is not a new subject, having been presented in the 1978-79 budget proposals, and subsequent agenda items, with union notification in all cases. The change in union officers was pointed out by Mr. Jackson which likely accounts for the lack of communication.

Roll call vote on Councilwoman Geissert's motion was unanimously favorable.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. RESOLUTION re: Cabrillo Avenue Right-of-Way Acquisition.RESOLUTION NO. 80-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR  
STREET EASEMENTS ON CABRILLO AVENUE  
BETWEEN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND THE SOUTH  
CITY BOUNDARY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-53. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. RESOLUTION re: SB-821 BICYCLE FUNDING FOR 1980-81.RESOLUTION NO. 80-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-  
ING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
APPLY FOR BICYCLE FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER  
SB-821 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BIKEWAY ALONG  
SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM THE REDONDO BEACH  
CITY LIMIT TO CABRILLO AVENUE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-54. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:13a. REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION TO MAINTAIN A TEMPORARY "A" FRAME SIGN AT 1611 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD - PLANT GALLERY.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADMINISTRATOR:  
Approval of the time extension, provided the sign is removed to accommodate street widening and/or does not exceed nine months in the event problems arise to delay modification of Crenshaw Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Environmental Quality Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding - (TCEA) - Minute Secretary.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION 79-212

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-55. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a.
- CUP 80-2 and D80-3, WALDER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.
- Appeal of a Planning Commission denial for a Conditional Use Permit and Division of Lot which would allow the conversion of a 20-unit apartment building to condominium ownership in the R-3 zone at 3710 West 230th Street. (FOUR-WEEK CONTINUANCE REQUESTED BY APPLICANT).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the request of the applicant and to continue Item 15a. to May 13, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The hour being 6:35 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:51 P.M.

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- 15b. CUP 79-90, SOUTH BAY DISPOSAL SERVICE. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a refuse transfer station on the north side of Del Amo Boulevard between Western Avenue and Van Ness Avenue.

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 hearing, reviewed the history of the case, acknowledged the substantial material and documents of record, and outlined procedures to be followed in this public hearing.

Councilman Applegate announced that he would ABSTAIN in this matter because of a potential conflict of interest in his professional endeavors, and departed from the Council Chambers.

Staff presentation was provided by Acting Planning Associate Woodward, following which Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the proponent.

Mr. Al Avoian, owner of South Bay Disposal Service, presented petitions bearing some 2670 signatures endorsing CUP 79-90, and, with the assistance of slides, detailed the merits of the refuse transfer station proposed by him. Comments by Mr. Avoian included: life spans of present landfill operations; the mechanics of a transfer station facility; environmental considerations; cost factors; energy conservation; traffic patterns; landscaping, screening, buffering; architectural treatment; EIR findings; land values; etc. Council approval was requested by Mr. Avoian.

Speaking in opposition to the project, and likewise providing a slide presentation, was Mr. Philip Seitz, Cap Brothers Construction Company, 1880-D Del Amo Boulevard (written material and statistics, of record).

Other speakers expressing opposition to the proposed transfer station were: Bob Challet, vice president and general manager, Garrett Corporation; Ruben Ordaz, 2231 Del Amo Boulevard; William Hallett, RMR Associates, owners of property at the northwest corner of Del Amo and Western Avenue; Ms. Georgianna Kunkel, 1633 West Del Amo Boulevard; Dave Kamston, vice president, Harper's; Frank Johnson, 1570 West Del Amo Boulevard; Gene Schrier, owner of property on the southeast corner of Del Amo and Western; Attorney Kelly Gale (March 3, 1980 communication, of record); E. Worley, 1630 West 20th Street; Dick Chakino, U.S. Steel, 804 Van Ness Avenue; Charlie Spot, 1601 West Del Amo Boulevard; Ms. Mary Lou Eisenbeiss, 1615 West 205th Street; and L.S. Olivera, 2211 Del Amo Boulevard.

Ms. Kay White, president, League of Women Voters, (statement of record) commented on solid waste management in general and affirmed the League's support of an efficient and environmentally sound system of solid waste management.

Speaking in favor of the proposed transfer station were: Ms. Donna Brammer, 2061 West 181st Street; William Henderson, 3480 Garnett Street; Louis Pine, Majorie Avenue; and Allen Barman, 903 Sartori.

Mr. Avoian returned to present the following speakers who provided technical information pertaining to the merits of the project: Damien Curran, 7903 Nardian Way, Los Angeles, architect and engineer for the project; Robert Sterns, SCS Engineers, environmental consulting firm in Long Beach; Al Moreno, 135 Elmira Street, Auburn; (retired from State Solid Waste Management Board as its Executive Director); and Bart Sokol, professor of environmental science at UCLA.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilwoman Geissert moved that the hearing be closed. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

Council comments were as follows:

Councilman Walker: The proposed project is not at all compatible in this constantly upgrading area -- of concern is the possibility of preemption by some outside authority which could cause the City to lose control over the volumes of trash moving through the transfer station.

Councilman Wilson: Even though there has been no significant change in the project, the circumstances have changed in the area by way of the development which has occurred in the last few months, and there should be nothing to retard or suppress further development. The concerns of the residential area must be considered as well; the Pueblo has struggled hard over the past years and has shown great progress.

Councilman Rossberg: Will again concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval -- modern technology can eliminate the problems which have been discussed, and the 43 conditions placed on this project by the Commission and by Staff should mitigate these problems. It was the recommendation of Mr. Rossberg that ingress should be "right turn only", with egress "left turn only" -- further, the City should, in some

way, be a partner in this venture which would insure control for the residents of Torrance as far as keeping costs down and would guarantee complete sensitivity to neighboring businesses and residents in the matter of complaints.

Councilwoman Geissert: Acknowledged the great need for such facilities, but cannot vote in favor of this facility, from a land use point of view; further, the subject area is too fully developed in the manner of an industrial park or light industrial uses. There is also a well established residential community in the immediate area which must be heavily weighed.

Councilman Brown: Requested that the City Manager respond to whether or not the City is being shortsighted to maintain the previous position adopted by the Council that a trash transfer station should not be properly located on the subject site. Is there an emergency situation -- is it a case of "sticking our head in the sand"? In response, Mr. Ferraro reviewed the delay of the County Sanitation Department in making some sort of a determination for the area, it being assumed they would continue to take care of this problem -- as to the site, it was the finding of Mr. Ferraro that it would be better were the site located elsewhere in the City of Torrance -- there is not, in his opinion, an "emergency situation".

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the appeal and DENY CUP 79-90. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Mayor Armstrong that the issue of traffic through the neighborhood is a very strong one - therefore, his affirmative vote is based on this traffic impact.

The basis of Councilman Brown's "no" vote is one of concern over the fact that he does not see any long term solution to address the problem, and this is the only site we have.

(Councilman Applegate returned to the Council Chambers at this time.)

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a.
- ORDINANCE
- re: title change of Environmental Quality Commission to reflect the added duty of Energy Conservation Awards. (ORDINANCE "A")

ORDINANCE NO. 2958

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE TITLE OF ARTICLE 16, DIVISION 1 AND SECTIONS 13.16.1 AND 13.16.7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND TO ADD ENERGY CONSERVATION TO SAID COMMISSION'S DUTIES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2958 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17b.
- RESOLUTION
- approving amendment to County of Los Angeles/ City of Torrance Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-56. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a.
- PURCHASE OF ROCK FOR COLUMBIA PARK PARKING LOT OFF EXISTING CONTRACT TO STREET MAINTENANCE.
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- Ref. Bid No. B80-19 Expenditure: \$17,585.40

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body approve the purchase of an additional 2625 tons of Class A base 3/4" rock from our existing contract to the Brown Company dba Livingston-Graham in the total amount of \$6.32 per ton (\$17,585.40 total) for the Park Services requirement.

- 22b. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Sanitary Sewer Interconnect  
in Crenshaw Boulevard at Pacific Coast Highway (B80-08).

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Mladen Grbavac.

- 20c. CHANGE ORDER - Installation of Traffic Signal at Pacific Coast Highway and Madison Street -Contract No. M-5001 (19)

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the Change Order be approved for payment and payment in the amount of \$1,216.60 be made to S&W Electrical Contractors, Inc.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Director of Transportation Horkay announced that the 20th Annual Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at Victor Elementary School.

22b. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition for State champions Region 14, West Torrance Boys Division 5 All Stars, AYSO soccer.

22c. Councilman Applegate requested that the Youth Council Annual Report be circulated as a tool to interest would-be applicants for next year.

22d. Councilman Brown inquired as to the status of the City Attorney's report re: the Birmingham case. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported on the progress to date and requested three more weeks from this date for presentation to the Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22e. Councilman Brown requested Staff investigation re: the issue of fencing in attack dogs (per communication from County Board of Supervisors).

22f. Councilman Rossberg commended the recent successful Bunka-Sai, and also announced that Howard Jarvis will be the speaker at the April 24th meeting of the South Bay Cities.

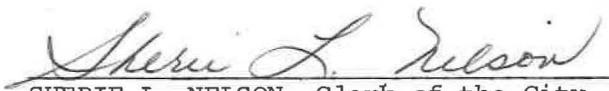
22g. Councilman Rossberg noted the need for two delegates for the South Bay Corridor Study -- Councilmembers Applegate and Rossberg were so delegated by Mayor Armstrong, with approval of the Council.

22h. Mayor Armstrong provided material for review by the Transportation Committee regarding new approaches in the matter of the Airport and dealing with the City of Lomita.

At 9:45 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 10:40 P.M. No action was taken.

Adjournment was at 10:40.

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 SHERIE L. NELSON, Clerk of the City  
 of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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