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Adjourned at 9:22 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 29, 1980, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Brown arrived at 6:00 P.M. Absent: Councilman Wilson.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Pat Uerkwitz led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Carl Johnson, Hope United Methodist Church, followed by one minute of silence dedicated to the American hostages in Iran and to the fallen men in the hostage rescue attempt.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent; Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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

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ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent; Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Transportation Committee:

Met on April 28th - report will be forthcoming to the Council.

Community Planning:

May 8th at 5:00 P.M.

Finance Committee:

May 7th at 5:00 P.M.

Ad Hoc Committee re: Ballot Measures:

League of California Cities ballot recommendations referred to this Committee. Members: Mayor Armstrong, Councilmen Brown and Rossberg.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Admiral Donald C. Davis, Grand Marshal for Armed Forces Day Parade on May 17, 1980.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO ADMIRAL DONALD C. DAVIS, UNITED STATES NAVY, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, PACIFIC FLEET, FOR SERVING AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ARMED FORCES CELEBRATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-67. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent; Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

- 8b. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Cultural Envoy Yoshikazu Kataoka from Kashiwa, Japan.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO CULTURAL ENVOY YOSHIKAZU KATAOKA FROM KASHIWA, JAPAN

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-66. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson was absent; Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

Mr. Kataoka was present to receive this resolution, and to express his appreciation for such recognition.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR REMODELING OF RECREATION BUILDINGS AT McMASTER PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR/PARK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR: That your Honorable Body reject all of the bids that the City received to remodel the Recreation Building at McMaster Park (B80-13). It is also recommended that City Staff be authorized to pursue alternate methods to remodel the Recreation Building and return to the City Council with this project at a later date.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent; Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. CONSIDERATION OF CROSSING GUARDS, STOP SIGNS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT ARLINGTON AVENUE AND 231ST STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION - POLICE DEPARTMENT: That a traffic actuated SIGNAL be installed at Arlington Avenue and 231st Street and that four-way STOP SIGNS be installed at this location as a temporary measure until the signal can be installed.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: That an adult CROSSING GUARD be assigned to the intersection of Arlington Avenue and 231st Street.

Staff input was provided by Police Chief Nash, Director of Transportation Horkay and Sr. Associate Transportation Engineer Collins.

Speakers urging installation of the subject signal were: Armine Kundakjian, 2434 - 228th Street; Michael Bartell (principal, Hull Middle School) 1976 West 237th Street; Sue Herbers, 2264 West 230th Street; and Howard Sano, 2103 West 230th Place.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission and the Police Department in installing a signal at the intersection of Arlington Avenue and 231st Street -- however, that in the interim a Crossing Guard be temporarily used until the signal has been installed (instead of the 4-way stop signs). The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

It was the comment of Mayor Armstrong that he has reservations about the use of a Crossing Guard as opposed to the 4-way signs -- noting the extra weekend and after school hours traffic by young people when a Crossing Guard would not be present.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Walker.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Armstrong (for above stated
reason --however, fully supports
signalization of the intersection)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

Considered by the Council at this time, out of order:

15. HEARINGS:

15b. PP 80-3, CHRIS GEROLD. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a single-story addition to an existing single-family residence in the R-1 zone at 4913 Paseo de las Tortugas.

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.

The proponent, Mr. Chris Gerold, was present, as were the protestants: Mrs. Martha Rottenberg, 4909 Paseo de las Tortugas, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Larsen, 5001 Paseo de las Tortugas.

The matter was reviewed at length of primary concern to the Council was the accuracy of the existing silhouette.

Ultimate action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to continue Item 15b to May 6, 1980, at 6:00 P.M. in order that Staff may go out and take an exact measurement, with the silhouette set up in the right spot, so that the Council may again view it and then vote on the plans approved by the Planning Commission and concurred in by Staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS (Cont.):
- 10b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Water Main in Pacific Coast Highway from Anza Avenue to Madison Street. (80-80)
Job No. 77265.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Bobco Construction Company, Inc. and all other bids be rejected; and
2. That \$45,660 be transferred from Job 77247 to Job 77265; and
3. That \$60,000 be transferred from Job 79270 to Job 77265.

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

- 10c. RESOLUTION re: City's participation in the "In-Lieu Replenishment Program".

RESOLUTION NO. 80-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CENTRAL AND WEST BASIN WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT FOR THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT'S 1980 IN-LIEU WATER REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-68. His motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

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

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING STAFF:

1. That the City Council approve the subject Resolution authorizing the Amendment to the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Credit Agreement; and
2. Appropriate \$124,000 to initially fund the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-69

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-69 and for approval of an appropriation in the amount of \$124,000 to initially fund the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. RESOLUTION re: Readoption of the Torrance Fire Fighters Association 1979-80 Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1979 TO JULY 1, 1980

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-70. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

14b. LATERAL ENTRY PROGRAM - POLICE OFFICER.RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/POLICE DEPARTMENT/CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body concur in the recommendation to revise the Police Officer class specifications to allow lateral entry employment of Police Officers.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation; his motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

14c. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

1. That the proposed reorganization for the Planning Department be forwarded to the Council Civil Service Committee for consideration along with the specific actions necessary for implementation.
2. That the subject resolution be adopted adjusting the HCD Program Coordinator and Redevelopment Program Coordinator salaries to coincide with the Manpower Program Coordinator salary steps.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 80-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN
CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXTERNALLY
FUNDED EMPLOYEES AMENDING RESOLUTION
79-138

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-71. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. ZC 79-23, SOUTH SHORES DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Request for a change of zone from LP to R-3 to allow the construction of a 16-unit condominium project at 24001 Neece Avenue. RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Sam Weeks, president, Pacific Builders, owner of property to the west of the subject property, stated his

opinion that this is an intrusion into a long standing commercially-zoned piece of property. Further, the proposed R-3 zoning would give rise to complaints from prospective condo owners against surrounding commercial interests, and would very definitely affect his property.

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 79-23. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

15b. PP 80-3, Chris Gerold. See Page 4.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCE.

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2960.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 35.1.1, 35.1.2, 35.1.3, 35.1.5, 35.1.6, 35.1.8, 35.1.9, 35.1.10, 35.1.11, 35.1.12, 35.1.13, 35.1.14, 35.1.15, and 35.1.16 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REGULATING GAMING AND CARD CLUBS, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2959 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2960 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19a. RESOLUTION re: Pipe Line Easement.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR PIPE LINE PURPOSES TO CHEVRON U.S.A. INC. AND STANDARD GASOLINE COMPANY, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-72, subject to approval by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Installation of wheelchair lift systems for handicapped on two City buses.
B80-33 Expenditure: \$21,480.50

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the price offer made and award the contract to the submitter, the Kent Kitterman, Inc. company of San Jose, California, for the required handi-cap service modification on the two City buses.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 2000 Torrance Bus Stop Signs.
(Ref. Bid No. B80-34) Expenditure: \$10,388.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council accept the bid and award the contract for the signs to Zumar Industries, Inc. of Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$10,388, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a and 20b. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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The hour being 7:20 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:10 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro introduced newly appointed Custodial Supervisor Ross Perillo -- congratulations were offered by the Council.

22b. City Manager Ferraro noted the impressive plaque awarded Councilman Rossberg by the South Bay Cities Association for his dedicated service as president of this organization.

22c. Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson announced the Third Quarter Budget Review scheduled by the Finance Committee on May 7th at 5:00 P.M.

22d. Councilman Applegate urged that work re: signalization at 235th and Arlington be done by City Staff, rather than using an outside consultant. Director of Transportation Horkay discussed manpower problems, etc. -- a report will be forthcoming.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert reviewed pending appointments to certain vacancies, such as LAFCO. Council input was provided for her use at the imminent meeting of the Los Angeles Division, League of California Cities.

22f. Councilman Rossberg affirmed his appreciation for the plaque from the South Bay Cities Association and for those in attendance on the night of the Howard Jarvis presentation.

22g. Councilman Rossberg commended Torrance's "Neighborhood Watch" program and reviewed the value of this program. It was the request of Mr. Rossberg that there be "Neighborhood Watch Week" publicity via water bills, homeowner notification, etc.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that this matter be returned as an agenda item.

22h. Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson reviewed budget priorities as related to expediting installation of signalization at 231st and Arlington (Item 10a) -- this matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

22i. Mayor Armstrong commended Councilman Rossberg for representing the City in such a fine manner as president of the South Bay Cities Association. The Mayor then presented Councilman Rossberg with a City of Torrance paper weight as a token of this appreciation.

22j. Mr. Don Raefer, 2922 West 227th Street, spoke regarding the current housing issue and Article 34 of the State Constitution. It was his specific request that the Council request the City Attorney to address Article 34 in his report re: housing.

(Mr. Raefer's verbatim remarks are of official record.)

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that the City Attorney address the issues raised by Mr. Raefer; further, that the material be made available on Monday, May 5th; placed on Tuesday's agenda, May 6th; but held for discussion until the meeting of May 13th.

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At 8:40 P.M. there was a Redevelopment Agency Executive Session (the Council/Agency being in Joint Session). On its return at 9:22 P.M. no action was taken.

Adjournment for the Redevelopment Agency and the City Council was at 9:22 P.M.

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Sheri L. Nelson
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

James R. Armstrong
Mayor of the City of Torrance