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Adjourned at 9:05 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, May 6, 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. (Messrs. Brown and Armstrong left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.)

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Budget Officer Ng led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Ronald Dybvig, Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of April 1, 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:

Finance Committee:
May 7th at 5:00 P.M.

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Community Planning:
May 8th at 5:00 P.M.

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

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14b. CONSOLIDATION OF STREET AND GARAGE DEPARTMENTS:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to refer Item 14b to the Council Committee on Employee Relations and Department Organizations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RECOGNITION OF WEST HIGH VARSITY SOCCER TEAM.

Councilman Applegate and Mayor Armstrong presented Letters of Recognition to members of the 1980 West High Varsity Soccer Team for winning the Bay League Title and their third CIF "4A" Soccer Championship.

8b. RECOGNITION OF MR. RALPH TORINO.

A plaque, accompanied by warm congratulations, was presented Mr. Ralph Torino by Mayor Armstrong, in recognition of his concern and generosity toward his fellow senior citizens and his receipt of the Older American Award for the City of Torrance from Los Angeles County.

8c. PROCLAMATION - "National Fire Service Day" - May 10, 1980.

8d. PROCLAMATION - "Older American Month" - May 1980.

8e. PROCLAMATION - "Municipal Clerk's Week" - May 11-17, 1980.

8f. PROCLAMATION - "Police Week" - May 11-17, 1980.

8g. PROCLAMATION - "Correct Posture Month" - May 1980.

8h. PROCLAMATION - "National Nursing Home Week" - May 11-17, 1980.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8i. ENERGY CONSERVATION AWARDS.

Mayor Armstrong presented Energy Conservation Awards to the following:

Public Sector:
Hollywood Riviera Sportsmens Club.

Educational Sector:
Torrance Unified School District.

Commercial Sector:
Denny's Restaurant
3006 West 182nd Street.

Industrial Sector:
National Supply Company
Division of Armco, Inc.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING OUTSIDE GROUPS.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINE ARTS COMMISSION/HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMISSION AND PARK AND RECREATION STAFF:

1. The reports prepared by the Commission be accepted;
2. The subject application form be approved and implemented for the purpose of processing requests for City funds; and
3. The guidelines be implemented commencing with the next budget year.

Councilman Rossberg expressed reservations regarding the appropriateness of Commissions being involved in matters pertaining to funding.

This was deemed a meaningful Commission service by Councilwoman Geissert -- it was her suggestion that there be some sort of a "disqualifier" indicating that there is no set portion of the budget that is handed on to outside groups, and that there have been rare occasions where the Council has seen fit to provide limited funding to some outside groups.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendations, incorporating Councilwoman Geissert's suggestion regarding a disclaimer statement, and with the further understanding that these are only guidelines, not committing to any amount of money. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

9b. RESOLUTIONS re: Madrona Marsh.RESOLUTION NO. 80-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PASS H.R. 6142, THEREBY MAKING THE MADRONA MARSH A PART OF THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brown, concurred in by the Council, that the subject resolutions be revised as follows: 4th paragraph, to state: "WHEREAS, the City is desirous of saving this vital ecological preserve, but cannot afford to do so; and.." Delete 5th paragraph.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-73, as above modified. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Speaking on behalf of Friends of Madrona Marsh, Bill Arasmith expressed appreciation for this Council action, and Ms. Georgean Griswold reported on the substantial community support in evidence.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO REAPPROPRIATE THE FUNDS UNDER AB 322, FOR THE PLANNING AND ACQUISITION OF THE MADRONA MARSH

Councilman Wilson MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-74, as above amended. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. CRENSHAW BOULEVARD - A.T. & S.F. GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT.RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That your Honorable Body approve the allocation of an additional \$11,000.00 for inspection costs pursuant to the provisions of the existing contract, Section IV E for phase 2 inspection. The funds are available from money already allocated to the Crenshaw Grade Separation construction.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Engineering Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY RE: CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION ON LOW INCOME HOUSING.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this matter will be considered at the Council meeting of May 13, 1980, as previously arranged.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. RESOLUTION re: Police Communications Operator.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-75

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 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 1117, AFSCME, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 79-154

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-75. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. CONSOLIDATION OF STREET AND GARAGE DEPARTMENTS.

Heard earlier in the meeting - See Page 2.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 80-19, ROY M. JACOBS. Appeal of Planning Commission Denial of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the use of a portion of an existing building as a roller skating rink in the C-3 Precise Plan zone on property located at 22844 Hawthorne 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 Staff presentation by Acting Planning Associate Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

First to speak was the proponent, Mr. Roy Jacobs, 5 Country Meadow Road, Rolling Hills Estates, who reviewed Planning considerations, parking requirements, expressed concerns by residents, security provisions, hours of operation, current parking lot problems, etc. Noted by Mr. Jacobs was a petition, of record, of some 700 Torrance residents supporting a skating rink on Hawthorne Boulevard.

The following speakers expressed opposition to the proposed roller skating rink: Durward Birchert, 22804 Samuel Street; James Bell, 3648 West 228th Place (presented petition of opposition from businesses in the area, of record); John LeResche, 3634 - 228th Street; Dr. Robert DeBries, 3633 West 228th Street; and Robert Davis, 3648 West 227th Place. Concerns encompassed: vandalism history of the subject property; questionable adequacy of security arrangements; Police Department experience with large groups of young people and control difficulties; incompatibility with adjacent residential area; likely parking and traffic circulation problems, etc.

Mr. Jacobs returned to respond to the above noted petition of protest, advising that it was circulated by the Racquet Club, users of the Blue Chip parking area; previously the businesses had expressed support for the skating rink project.

Speaking in support of a skating rink at this location were: Fred White, 22748 Samuel Street; Linda McGrubb, 923 Faysmith; and Mark Hughes, 13524 Cordary -- it was their opinion that this is a sorely needed recreation activity in this community.

Also opposed were Mrs. Harold Err, 22808 Samuel Street who stated that "this is no place for a skating rink", and Lee Robinson, 3615 West 227th Place who reaffirmed his communication, of record.

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 Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion ensued, it being the consensus that a roller skating rink would be an asset to the community and fulfill a definite need, but the location is completely inappropriate.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to DENY THE APPEAL. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

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The Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency at 7:30 P.M., recessing at 7:31 P.M. for a 15-minute recess.

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On resumption of the meeting at 7:45 P.M., Mayor Pro Tem Walker assumed leadership of the meeting, Mayor Armstrong and Councilman Brown having left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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15. HEARINGS (Cont.)

- 15b. PP 80-3, CHRIS GEROLD. Continued public hearing on 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.

Planning Assistant Whitehead advised that Staff has determined that Mr. Gerold's silhouette is dimensionally accurate and adequately represents the proposed addition.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker invited comments from those present on this matter.

Architect Chester Smith, 22850 Crenshaw Boulevard, provided desired clarification.

Mrs. Martha Rottenberg, 4909 Paseo de las Tortugas, reported her understanding that the subject property has been sold -- what then is the purpose of all these plans? Mrs. Rottenberg reaffirmed her objections, of record, and the need for compromise.

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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown, Mayor Armstrong absent).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved for DENIAL of the appeal. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That this matter be held for another week in order that Councilman Wilson may listen to the tape of the April 29th meeting and that the absentee Councilmembers can be present. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION to deny the appeal carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg, Walker.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson (not present at April 29th meeting)
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown; Mayor Armstrong.

15c. ZC 80-1, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL. Initiation by the Torrance City Council of a change of zone from P-U to RTH for a 24-ft. by 635-ft. City-owned property which is the easterly 24-ft. of the Victor Precinct Sump. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Walker announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown, Mayor Armstrong absent).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 80-1. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. VICTOR PRECINCT SUMP ELIMINATION AND PROVISION OF 50 YEAR FLOOD PROTECTION IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Assuming Rezoning and Sale of 24' Occurs

1. That \$532,500 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund and loaned to Drainage District 5E for relief storm drain construction.

2. That \$130,000 plus the drainage fees collected from the land within Tentative Tract 35896 be appropriated for relief storm drain construction in Drainage District 5E.
3. That proceeds from the sale of the westerly 24' of the City's land be appropriated for relief storm drain construction in Drainage District 5E.
4. That the firm of Ragoway/Borkovitz be retained for storm drain design services (subject to a future approval of a contract therefor).
5. That a deposit of \$12,500 be accepted from Milner Realty Company for 50% of storm drain design services cost with said amount fully refundable in the event the City does not proceed with construction of the relief storm drain.
6. That the remaining sump site be considered on the market for sale and be sold at such time as the proceeds from the sale balance against the cost of remaining storm drain needs plus the cost of filling the excavation, plus the amount owed to the Sewer Revolving Fund.

Assuming Rezoning and Sale of 24' Does Not Occur

1. That \$632,500 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund and loaned to Drainage District 5E for relief storm drain construction.
2. That \$130,000 plus the drainage fees collected from the land within Tentative Tract 35896 be appropriated for relief storm drain construction in Drainage District 5E.
3. That the firm of Rogoway/Borkovitz be retained for storm drain design services (subject to a future approval of a contract therefor).
4. That a deposit of \$12,500 be accepted from Milner Realty Company for 50% of storm drain design services cost with said amount fully refundable in the event the City does not proceed with construction of the relief storm drain.
5. That the full sump site be considered on the market for sale and be sold at such time as the proceeds from the sale balance against the cost of remaining storm drain needs plus the cost of filling the excavation, plus the amount owed to the Sewer Revolving Fund.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to adopt the recommendation of Staff which assumes rezoning and sale of 24' occurs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Applegate that notification procedures be followed along the potential route of the new storm drain in the subject area, and offered the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That Council approve items #4 and #5 of the Staff recommendation which assumes rezoning and sale of 24' occurs, and then proceed with some type of neighborhood notification. This motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For Six-Month Pilot Test Program for Placement of 20 Bus Shelters in Select Locations in Torrance at no cost to the City.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR: That Council accept the proposal submitted by the American Bus Shelter Company, Inc. to provide this bus shelter program, and award them a contract to provide this "franchise type" service within the City of Torrance for an initial 6-month contract period in accordance with the City's specified contract terms and conditions with the City entitled to a 10% share of all advertising sold on these bus shelters or \$40.00 minimum amount per shelter per month.

Presentations were provided by Transportation Administrator Schmidt and Mr. Jerry Elner, representing American Bus Shelter Company.

Council discussion was directed to the varied concerns and considerations surrounding the proposal, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to refer Item 20a. to the Environmental Quality Commission for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman

Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate expressed his disappointment at the small turnout at the U.S. Army band concert, and deemed the concert a most outstanding event. Like sentiments were expressed by Councilman Rossberg.

22b. Councilman Applegate commended Acting Planning Associate Woodward for her professional presentations to the Council -- stating "I appreciate what you do for us."

22c. Staff investigation re: turning and like problems on Samuel and Madison Streets at Lomita Boulevard was requested by Councilman Applegate.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert directed that Staff review the possibilities of the Mounted Posse using Columbia Park for its annual rodeo.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert inquired regarding the status of expansion of the Community Garden program -- Park and Recreation Director Barnett will provide a written report on this matter.

22f. Mr. Tracy Norris, 13301 South Van Ness Avenue, Gardena urged support of Proposition 1 and provided printed material in support of this Proposition.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

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Minute Secretary

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Sherie L. Nelson
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

James R. Hanstony
Mayor of the City of Torrance