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Adjourned at 10:47 P.M.

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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, May 20, 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:

Girl Scout Troop 24 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 22, 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 Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Community Planning:

Met on May 19th; report forthcoming.

Employee Relations/Departmental Organization:

Met this date; report forthcoming.

Ad Hoc Legislative:

Will meet on May 22nd at 4:00 P.M.

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Mayor Armstrong announced that Law Clerk Dianne Sorensen, of the City Attorney's Office, had successfully passed the bar examination. Congratulations were conveyed by the Council and all present.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PRESENTATION OF A CHECK FOR PARAMEDIC EQUIPMENT
DONATED BY THE DON FULTON MEMORIAL FUND.

A check in the amount of \$1400 was presented Mayor Armstrong by Mrs. Dorothy Fulton -- this donation is for the purchase of paramedic equipment by the Don Fulton Memorial Fund. This was gratefully accepted by the Mayor, with the request that appropriate recognition be given the family of Don Fulton for their contribution to the public safety.

8b. RESOLUTION commending Battalion Chief Tracey A. Dale.RESOLUTION NO. 80-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC
ACTIONS OF TORRANCE BATTALION CHIEF
TRACEY A. DALE FOR WHICH HE WAS AWARDED
THE SOUTH BAY MEDAL OF VALOR

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-83. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Battalion Chief Dale gratefully accepted this resolution of commendation.

Councilman Rossberg requested that Staff evolve a permanent, visible record of City of Torrance employees who have received Medal of Valor recognition.

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8c. PRESENTATION - Recognition of American Field Service Students.

Mayor Amerstrong presented plaques to the following students participating in this year's American Field Service program:

Myriam Gazut, Switzerland
Meirion (Ned) Jones, England
Mario Solano, Costa Rica.

8d. RECOGNITION FOR RESIGNED PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS.

Presentations will be at a later date.

8e. PROCLAMATION - "First Class Girl Scout Week - May 19-25, 1980.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:50 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, returning at 6:00 P.M. Formal action taken at end of meeting - See Page 10.

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9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. DONATION OF A CERAMIC KILN TO THE TORRANCE ADULT CLUB AND THE SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM BY MR. RALPH TORINO.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

1. That your Honorable Body accept the generous donation of equipment from Mr. Ralph Torino.
2. A letter be sent to Mr. Torino on behalf of the City acknowledging our thanks and appreciation of his donation.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Park and Recreation Director. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 9b. ENDORSEMENT OF RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 9 - CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND COMMISSIONERS.

RECOMMENDATION OF LIBRARY COMMISSION:

That your Honorable Body endorse the concept of the Resolution re Proposition 9 of the California Library Trustees and Commissioners.

Mr. John Crain, chairman of the Library Commission, was present to report on the unanimous action of the Commission in this matter.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that this item be referred to the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee for review and recommendation.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT re: Los Angeles County Uniform Traffic Control Project for Hawthorne Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-84. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

- 13a. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SIGN CODE REQUIREMENTS for Lion's Club Temporary Signs.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT:

Approval of this request provided:

1. The applicant obtains an encroachment permit from the State Division of Highways for the sign to be located at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Boulevards;
2. That permission be obtained from property owners for signs to be located on private property;
3. That evidence of insurance, to the satisfaction of the City Clerk, to indemnify the City for any liability resulting from the placement of signs on public property be presented;
4. That the signs be located so as not to impede traffic visibility; and
5. That all signs be removed no later than June 26, 1980.

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MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Building and Safety Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

See Page 10.

14b. RESOLUTION re: assignment of new class title - Police Records Supervisor.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-85

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 PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION AMENDING
RESOLUTION 79-132

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-85. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. V 80-1, JOE J. SOJKA. Request for approval of a variance to remove a parking-only encumbrance from a lot at 1819 Border Avenue previously designated for use as a Code-required off-street parking for the Pride Hotel, in order for said lot to be developed. RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF FOR DENIAL.

Proof 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 Planning Assistant Whitehead, invited comments from the audience.

The proponent, Mr. Sojka, stated that he would be willing to grant the Pride Hotel a lease -- it is proposed to construct an industrial building, and in the evening hours, when the parking lot is not in use, it would be made available to the hotel from 7:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.

Lengthy Council discussion ensued -- reviewed were the 1954 mandate by the City Council regarding hotel parking requirements; overall parking problems in the Downtown area; personal safety hazards; lighting factors; in-lieu fees to the City; etc. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that Item 15a. be referred to the Community Design Committee for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15b. FRANCHISE - California Water Service Company.

Proof of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson. Councilman Applegate moved that it be received and filed; the motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that California Water Service Company has requested a 4-week continuance in this matter, and recommended that the request be granted.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to grant the request of California Water Service Company and to continue Item 15b. to June 17, 1980 at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15c. REALIGNMENT OF CERTAIN TORRANCE TRANSIT BUS ROUTES.

Proof 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 this hearing, and, following Staff presentations by Transportation Administrator Schmidt and Director of Transportation Horkay, invited comments from the audience.

Protesting the proposed bus route alignments were: Ms. Dale Saffle, 2344 West 241st Street, Lomita; Ms. Laura Peters, 3444 Redondo Beach Boulevard; Ms. Lenore Johnson, representing New Horizons, 23059 Nadine Circle; Ms. Rose Sellman, 23001 Nadine Circle; Ms. Grace Dorian, 22911 Nadine Circle; Ms. Eleanor Hall, 25526 Cypress, Lomita; Ms. Wilma Pearlwit, employed at North High; Ms. Shirley Peters, 21113 Amie Avenue; Ms. Juliet Caswell, 3115 Merrill Drive;

Ms. Rose Lynch, 2164 West 237th Street; Ms. Rose Craig, 2164 West 237th Street; Mr. Carter, rider on #4 line; Dick Johnson, New Horizons; George and Mae Parnell, 24403 Ward Street; Virginia Anderwert, 25203 Woodward, Lomita; and Ms. Helen Bertram, 2363 Torrance Boulevard.

Mr. Gary Irwin, Dial-A-Ride Coordinator for the City of Lomita, reported the request of the Lomita City Council that this matter be referred to the Transportation Committee for further study.

Council discussion ensued -- specifically noted was the need for further review regarding Line 4, the Esplanade route, the Carson Street segment, the 235th Street loop, the Walteria line, the service on 182nd Street, the Lomita connections, etc. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to continue the subject hearing to June 17, 1980, a 5:30 meeting, with the matter being referred to Staff to review possible alternatives in above noted areas -- Staff to return to Council with positive and negative aspects regarding same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:55 P.M., Mayor Armstrong ordered a 15-minute recess. The Council reconvened at 8:10 P.M., and immediately recessed as City Council and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 9:00 P.M., remaining in Joint Session.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND VOTING ALTERNATE - Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to appoint Mayor Armstrong as Voting Delegate and Councilwoman Geissert as Voting Alternate, Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. RESOLUTION re: Assembly Bill 2370 (Filante Bill)RESOLUTION NO. 80-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING AB 2370 (FILANTE)
WHICH WOULD RESTRICT BUILDING AND ZONING
WITHIN 2000 FEET OF AREAS CONTAINING
HAZARDOUS WASTES

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-86. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17c. FINANCIAL REPORT - EXERCISE OF OPTION TO EXTEND
AUDIT SERVICES CONTRACT.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body:

- A. Acknowledge acceptance of the Finance Director's Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Official Audit Opinion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1979.
- B. Authorize the exercise of the final contract option to retain Coopers and Lybrand, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the 1979-80 General City Audit for a fee not to exceed \$14,720.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Storm Drain in Arlington Avenue from Border Avenue to Sartori Avenue (B79-76).RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That the work be accepted on the basis of the as-built quantities, and final payment be made to the contractor, Burch Engineering Construction.

20b. REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT #10.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

1. That the City Council set June 10, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. as the date and time for a public hearing on this matter.
2. That the City Council direct the City Clerk to notify all property owners in the affected areas.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro noted that Election Day, June 3rd, will be a dark night for the Council.

22b. City Manager Ferraro advised that a communication from HUD regarding grant reductions received this date has been placed in Council boxes -- an analysis is being prepared.

22c. Councilman Applegate commended all responsible for a most successful Armed Forces Day Parade -- the commendations were reaffirmed by the entire Council.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert praised the long awaited marquee now proudly displayed at Torrance and Madrona.

22e. Councilman Rossberg requested information regarding the "Library Festival" sign at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Boulevards -- desired clarification was provided by City Librarian Buckley.

22f. The excellent job done by Department of Transportation personnel in compiling the information for Item 15c. (Realignment of certain bus routes) was noted by Councilman Rossberg.

22g. Councilman Rossberg commented on the "Neighborhood Watch Program" and the communication from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heintz pertaining to Downtown Neighborhood Watches -- Staff response was requested by Mr. Rossberg.

22h. City representation at the Army Ball at Newport Beach (in conjunction with Armed Forces day activities) was recommended by Councilman Rossberg.

22i. Councilman Rossberg reported that the School District will be applying for R-1 zoning on the Hillside School property -- Mr. Rossberg made a Councilmanic appeal that this matter be readvertised in order that there may be a redetermination on the EIR requirements. Mr. Rossberg, accordingly, MOVED to reconsider previous Council action regarding an EIR for the Hillside School property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22j. Appropriate recognition for Foster and Kleiser for their years of community support was requested by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22k. Mayor Armstrong referred the communication from WTC Air Freight regarding concerns about parking, etc. in the Meadow Park area to Director of Transportation Horkay for study and recommendation.

22l. Mayor Armstrong noted the need for representation at the Internationasl Surf Festival on June 28th -- Councilman Applegate will provide such representation.

22m. Councilman Rossberg commended the Police Memorial Ceremonies, with particular note of the inspired remarks by Mayor Armstrong on this occasion.

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14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:15 P.M. the Council/Agency recessed in a Joint Executive Session. On its return at 10:45 P.M., the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the settlement of the claim of Darcy Wilson. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 80-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARK AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1980 TO JULY 1, 1981

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-87. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Adjournment was at 10:47 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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Sherie L. Nelson
Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk

James R. Armstrong
James R. Armstrong, Mayor