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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, September 16, 1980, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: Councilwoman Geissert (vacation).

Also present: Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Davy Crockett led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Frank Morley, Church of the Nazarene -- specifically included, at Mayor Armstrong's request, was a prayer for Mrs. Erika Grubb who underwent surgery this date.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 1980 and July 15, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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 (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled,

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Mayor Armstrong announced that President Carter had selected North High School in Torrance for a "Town Meeting" on September 22nd, 1980 --- a signal honor for the City of Torrance and a most eagerly anticipated occasion.

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Considered by the Council, out of order:

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12c. ORDINANCE re: ZC 79-14, Torrance City Council.  
Reclassifying property located at 220 Via Riviera (Parkway School Site) from P-U to P-U (R-1, PP).
- 12d. RESOLUTION re: GPA 79-2, Torrance City Council.  
Amending the Land Use Element of the General Plan to designate property located at 220 Via Riviera (Parkway School Site) from Public Use to Low Density Residential.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendation to continue agenda items 12c and 12d to September 30, 1980 at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: 911 Emergency Telephone System.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND FILE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53100 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF A 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND TO RECOVER TELEPHONE-RELATED COSTS FROM THE 911 SURCHARGE FUND

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-208. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS;10a. CITY SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM.RECOMMENDATION OF STREET MAINTENANCE SUPT.:

That your Honorable Body take the following action:

Authorize Staff to proceed with competitive bids for contract services for the necessary removal work and replacement of 52,000 square feet of sidewalk located throughout the City (during FY 80-81) with locations to be determined by the Street Maintenance Superintendent.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff's recommendation, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

10b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Hillside Stabilization and Back-fill of Slope Drain between Bluff Street and Mesa Street (B80-63).RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the bid of HANE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. be accepted; and
2. That \$7,500 be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserves to cover costs.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

10c. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Vacation of the Alley in Block C Subdivision of Lot 29, Meadow Park Tract (Skypark Redevelopment Project).RESOLUTION NO. 80-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE ALLEY IN BLOCK C, SUBDIVISION OF LOT 29, MEADOW PARK TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-209. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:12a. RESOLUTION re: CUP 79-33, ECS Company.RESOLUTION NO. 80-210

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE  
CONVERSION OF 184 UNITS TO CONDOMINIUM  
OWNERSHIP IN THE R-3 ZONE ON PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 20909 ANZA AVENUE  
CUP 79-33, ECS COMPANY

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-210. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

12b. ORDINANCE re: ZC 80-2, Christian D. Stefferud.

In view of the absence of Councilwoman Geissert, Councilman Applegate MOVED to hold Item 12b until October 7, 1980. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

12c. Ordinance re: ZC 79-14, Torrance City Council.

See Page 2.

12d. Resolution re: GPA 79-2, Torrance City Council.

See Page 2.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 1981.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL:  
That Option #2 (per September 16th communication, of record) be selected to operate the OJT program "in-house" and to create 1.5 CETA "limited funded" positions (1 Employment Counselor I and .5 Intake Interviewer) to accomplish this transition.

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

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

See Page 12.

- 14c. RECOMMENDATION TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CITY PERSONNEL.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL SERVICES:

That your Honorable Body authorize Staff to solicit proposals for medical services to be rendered, with the ultimate goal of finalizing a contract with a medical facility offering a wide range of medical services in an efficient responsive manner.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of Personnel Services. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. TORRANCE TRANSIT ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TRANSITION PLAN.

See Page 6.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE to the League of California Cities October 19 and 22 and National League of Cities November 29 and December 3, 1980.

National League of Cities:

Delegate: Councilman Brown.  
Alternate: Councilman Wilson.

League of California Cities:

Delegate: Mayor Armstrong.  
Alternate: Councilman Brown.

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15. HEARINGS:15a. TORRANCE TRANSIT ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TRANSITION PLAN.RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That your Honorable Body approve by minute motion the Torrance Transit Elderly and Handicapped Transition Plan for submittal to UMTA in compliance with Federal regulations as set forth in 49CFR part 27.

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. There was no response.

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Department of Transportation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2973.ORDINANCE NO. 2973

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN 24 FOOT BY 635 FOOT CITY-OWNED PROPERTY WHICH IS THE EASTERLY 24 FEET OF THE VICTOR PRECINCT SUMP AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 80-1,  
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2973 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Walker, Wilson;  
Mayor Armstrong.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown (not present at first  
reading)  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

It was noted by Mayor Armstrong that he had abstained at the first reading, but has in the meantime familiarized himself with the record, and is, therefore, qualified to vote.

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 2974.ORDINANCE NO. 2974

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CARSON STREET BETWEEN DATE AVENUE AND ELM AVENUE  
ZC 80-4, SALEM MANOR

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2974 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg, Walker, Wilson;  
Mayor Armstrong.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate (not present at first  
reading)  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

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18c. ORDINANCE NO. 2975.ORDINANCE NO. 2975

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 33.9.2 AND 33.9.3, ADDING NEW SECTIONS 33.9.2, 33.9.3, 33.9.4, 33.9.5; 85.2.28 INCREASING FEES AND CHANGING LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR CHRISTMAS TREE LOTS; AND ADDING SECTION 85.2.29 REQUIRING FLAME RETARDANT TREES IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2975 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

18d. ORDINANCE NO. 2976 - FIRST READING:

It was the request of Building and Safety Director McKinnon that Ordinance No. 2976 be amended as follows: Add f) to SECTION 33.18.72, to state: "A permit issued pursuant to this section shall be valid from October 10th to November 15th of the year in which the permit is issued."

ORDINANCE NO. 2976

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 33.18.72 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING A LICENSE AND CLEAN-UP DEPOSIT FROM PUMPKIN LOT OPERATORS

Councilman Brown moved to approve Ordinance No. 2976, as above amended, as its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

18e. ORDINANCE NO. 2978.ORDINANCE NO. 2978

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIMITING THE DISPLAY OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL IN BUSINESSES OPEN TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2977 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2978 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. TORRANCE PARK LIGHTING COMPLETION.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR/  
PARK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR: As all steps of the contract have been completed, and the new lighting system at Torrance Park is being used, it is recommended that the City Council accept the lighting system contract as completed and approve the final payment for the project.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT re: Purchase of a Budgeted Self-Propelled Diesel Vibrating Roller and Trailer.  
(Ref. Bid #B80-59) Expenditure: \$21,503.16

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:  
That Council award the contract for the required 8000 lb. class vibrating roller to the Case Underground Equipment Company for the Case roller and Zieman trailer in the total amount of \$21,942.00, including tax, less 2% prompt payment discount of \$438.84, for a total, net, of \$21,503.16.

20c. FINAL TRACT NO. 23581.  
Subdivider: Charles Gotanda  
Location: 4325 West 182nd Street  
No. of Lots: 1 (27 Condominium Units)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:  
That Final Tract No. 23581 be approved.

20d. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - TRACT NO. 32858.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:  
That the subject bonds be released.

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

Considered separately, at the request of Councilman Rossberg:

20e. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For Furnishing of Heavy Duty Fiberglass Lighting Poles and Luminaires  
Ref. Bid No. B80-61 Expenditure: \$17,937.32

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RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

Inasmuch as ASSOCIATED OF LOS ANGELES, a Los Angeles, California firm, is the low responsible bidder, it is recommended that Council award them the contract for the required Lighting Poles and Luminaires, in the total amount of \$17,937.32, including tax.

Councilman Rossberg inquired regarding proposed plans for lighting soccer fields -- response was provided by Park and Recreation Director Barnett.

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

20f. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR RENTAL OF XEROX COPIERS  
Annual Contract Expenditure: \$79,000.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

In order to take advantage of an annual contract pricing plan from Xerox, it is recommended that Council authorize the award of an annual contract for the rental of eleven existing Xerox copiers in order to take advantage of a 7% discount pricing plan which would amount to a savings to the City of \$5900.00 per year.

Following clarification by Purchasing Supervisor White, Councilman Brown MOVED to concur with the Staff recommendation on 20f. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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At this point in the meeting, Mayor Armstrong announced the retirement, after 23 years with the City, of Dave Crockett -- his successful career was detailed by the Mayor, and the best wishes of the Council and all present were conveyed by way of presentation of a plaque to Davey. Davey likewise expressed appreciation for his rewarding association with the City of Torrance.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson noted request of Torrance Memorial Hospital for use of City chairs and stands

at forthcoming sports event -- assistance in moving the stands is necessary and this will involve City Staff. It was the consensus of the Council that the request be granted; however, the Staff time should be reimbursed by Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Also noted by Mr. Jackson was the desire of the hospital to close the roadways in the area for parking purposes -- this will be handled administratively unless there are objections from individuals in the area -- if there are objections, it will be brought to the Council as an agenda item. (Garnier Street is the street involved).

22b. Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson reported on efforts of Police Department in conjunction with the Secret Service on the forthcoming visit by President Carter to Torrance. Permission to explore the possibility of providing parking at Columbia Site for this occasion, with a bus shuttle arrangement, was requested by Mr. Jackson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22c. Councilman Applegate requested Staff investigation re: the fact that the maintenance contractor is mowing the El Prado Mall with hand mowers with three people -- this was deemed extremely inefficient by Mr. Applegate, and other areas in the City are suffering because of the extensive amount of time represented by the above

22d. Councilman Applegate noted the recent extensive development in the Del Amo/Carson area, with particular note of the imminent "marriage of the malls" -- and questioned the ability to provide adequate fire service. Mr. Applegate recommended that consideration be given to the building of a new fire station on Del Amo Circle East and Ocean Avenue. Mayor Armstrong requested a Staff report on this matter for review by the Council.

22e. Councilman Brown pointed out that there are numerous political signs on City property and requested that Staff encourage the responsible parties to move them elsewhere.

22f. Councilman Rossberg requested status reports pertaining to pay parking; what happens to the interest on Park and Recreation monies being held for Sur La Brea Park.

22g. Councilman Rossberg reported on the recent successful "Chamber Retreat" and particularly commended the efforts of City Staff members Horkay, Barnett, Critchfield and Progen. Mr. Rossberg also advised that it is the intent of the Chamber to come up with a "Housing Committee" to assist the City relative to the business community.

22h. Councilman Walker expressed appreciation to Staff for its extensive efforts in the forthcoming visit of the President.

22i. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the City of Gardena.

22j. Mayor Armstrong advised that the United States Council of the International Year of Disabled Persons, Washington, D.C., has requested an appointment of a person to serve as liaison -- Ms. Betty Schapira has been so appointed, per the Mayor.

22k. Ms. Mary Hughes, Harbor Regional Center, invited the Council to tour their facilities and observe their activities, in view of their pending Conditional Use Permit request. It was the consensus of the Council that this would be arranged on an individual basis, following review of the agenda material.

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At 6:40 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, recessing at 6:41 P.M. for a Joint Executive Session.

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On its return at 7:25 P.M. no action was taken relative to the Redevelopment Agency, and the meeting was adjourned.

14b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
~~Council action~~ was as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 80-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 14, 1980 TO JULY 1, 1981

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-211. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance