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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, June 30, 1981, 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.

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Introduction of newly appointed Airport Manager Stanley Jonekos was made at this time by Director of Transportation Horkay -- he was warmly welcomed by Council and Staff members.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

Corporal Michael Borgwat, United States Marines, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend David Griggs, Torrance Baptist Temple, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved for the approval of the minutes of May 26, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. Presentation of Resolution to Los Angeles County Supervisor Deane Dana.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. TRACT NO. 39971.

Subdivider: Walter Janoff  
Location: 3621 Garnet  
(6-Unit Condominium)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Tract Map No. 39971 be approved.

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

10b. RESOLUTION re: License Agreement with Del Amo Energy Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LICENSE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 23, 1981, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DEL AMO ENERGY COMPANY, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF GREAT LAKES PROPERTIES, INC., PERMITTING THE LATTER TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PIPE-LINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES ACROSS MADRONA AVENUE AT OPAL STREET

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Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-130. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10c. RESOLUTION re: Lease of Allied Chemical Company's Water Rights for Fiscal 1981-82.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A WATER RIGHT LICENSE AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ALLIED CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR LEASING 255 ACRE-FEET OF WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATED TO THE ALLIED CHEMICAL COMPANY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-131. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10d. RESOLUTION re: Retention of Converse Ward Davis Dixon to prepare Geotechnical Investigation of Walteria Reservoir Site.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CONVERSE WARD DAVIS DIXON, GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY GEOLOGIC/SEISMIC/GAS MIGRATION INVESTIGATION OF THE WALTERIA RESERVOIR SITE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-132. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10e. RESOLUTION re: Selection of Consulting Engineering Firm to prepare Feasibility Study for Small Hydroelectric Power Generation Station.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND STETSON ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A SMALL HYDROELECTRIC POWER GENERATING STATION IN THE VICINITY OF WESTERN AVENUE AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-133; his motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong  
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg (would have preferred further investigation re: consulting engineering firms.)

10f. RESOLUTION re: Dial-A-Lift Fare.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING FARES FOR THE TORRANCE TRANSIT DIAL-A-LIFT SERVICE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1981

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-134. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Rossberg (each for reasons of record).

10g. RESOLUTION re: Renewal of City's Refuse Disposal Agreement with WRH Industries.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR REFUSE DISPOSAL AT THE WRH INDUSTRIES TRANSFER STATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-135. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO PREPARE FIRST PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR CITY YARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY YARD DEVELOPMENT TEAM:

That the City hire Hugh Gibbs and Donald Gibbs, Architects F.A.I.A., to prepare the plans of a first phase of development for a City Yard Facility on a not to exceed maximum

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of \$25,000 with the provision that should the City proceed with the project that such fees will be applied against the total contract of the project.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Yard Development Team. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong, based on questions posed by Councilman Brown, that there be further input from Staff regarding the selection process for professional services.

- 13b. RESOLUTION re: Continuance of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Airport Noise.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONTINUING THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIRPORT NOISE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-136. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

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

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- 14b. RESOLUTION re: Contract with Torrance Unified School District under Title IV of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN SUBGRANT AND CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1981 UNDER TITLE IV OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-137. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:15a. CUP 75-68, WEST END TENNIS AND RACQUET CLUB.

Noted was the recommendation of the City Attorney and the Planning Director that this matter be continued for thirty days - to July 28, 1981. Councilman Wilson moved to concur with this recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. LEGISLATION RELATING TO MANDATORY ANNUAL VEHICLE INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (SB 33).RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Majority Recommendation - That Council not support any vehicle inspection/maintenance legislation or program submitted to date as they are not cost-effective and place too great a burden on the public. He would rather see a program which stresses incentives and provides education for drivers.

Minority Recommendation - Councilwoman Geissert RECOMMENDS that Council support an annual vehicle inspection/maintenance program legislated in SB33 or subsequent legislation that will be geared to consumer protection and convenience. Blue Shield Stations are acceptable for inspection and repair provided they can be certified to protect the consumer against fraud. If SB33 is not accepted that we monitor subsequent legislation.

Committee members reviewed both the Majority and the Minority Recommendations, following which the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the Majority Recommendation of the Public Safety Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That the Council accept the Minority Recommendation of the Public Safety Committee. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Armstrong.

Mrs. Jo-Anne Waller, president, League of Women Voters, indicated their concurrence with the Minority Recommendation made by Councilwoman Geissert (prepared statement, of record).

The manager of the Automobile Club, Mr. Bill Schirmer, reviewed the negative aspects of SB 33.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION to accept the Majority Recommendation CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The Council now returned to:

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION to Los Angeles County Supervisor Deane Dana commending his efforts in formulating a unified local government response to the Governor's proposed budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING SUPERVISOR DEANE DANA FOR HIS EFFORTS IN FORMULATING A UNIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET

(This Resolution was adopted on June 23, 1981.)

Formal presentation was made by Mayor Armstrong, with expressions of appreciation, on behalf of the Council. There was grateful acceptance by Supervisor Dana.

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The regular agenda order was now resumed.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Cont.):

17b. MOBIL OIL PIPELINE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

Research into the issues raised at the previous Council meeting indicate the pipeline is being constructed in conformance with Federal Standards and adequate protection has been provided to prevent interaction between the Edison transmission towers and the Mobil pipeline. It is recommended that no further valves or grounding facilities be required.

Mr. Bob Rush, president, Southwest Park Homeowners Association, stated that he has received complaints regarding the pipeline installation on Entradero -- it was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that this be checked out by Staff.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg 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.

17c. FIRE/PROPERTY INSURANCE - July 1, 1981 to July 1, 1982.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body approve the proposal of Protective National Insurance Company to insure the City for all risk and earthquake coverage at a cost of \$41,682.00 (\$1,000 flat deductible) for fiscal year 1981-82.

Staff presentation and clarification was provided by Assistant City Manager Jackson. Representatives Mike Bogen, Cal-Surance Associates, Inc., and Roger Myers, Lund Company, were present to provide further input.

Following discussion, formal Council action was as reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Brown that he would prefer to insure with the more financially sound company, Aetna.

- 17d. REQUEST FOR A TAXICAB RATE INCREASE by Wilmington Cab Company of California (dba United Checker Cab Company).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

The level of earnings for Wilmington Cab Company as reported does not appear unreasonable; therefore, it is recommended that Wilmington Cab Company of California be given the fare increase requested by their letter dated April 15, 1981 so they can maintain a profitable operation within the City.

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

Unsafe driving habits of United Checker cabs as observed by Councilman Applegate were pointed out by him -- this will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken, per Mr. Mitchell Rouse, president, United Checker Cab Company.

- 17e. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR 1980-81.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the firm of Price Waterhouse and Company be selected as the City's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981 in accordance with a contract approved by the City Attorney, executed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, leaving open the option of the Manpower auditing remaining in the hands of Cooper, Lybrand for an additional year on an hourly rate, if this is most feasible arrangement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17f. EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE - July 1, 1981 to July 1, 1982.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER AND PERSONNEL

SERVICES: That your Honorable Body approve the offer of Safety Mutual Insurance Company to insure the City for excess workers' compensation at a limit of

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\$2,000,000 excess of \$500,000 self insured retention. Deposit premium for this coverage to be in the amount of \$11,921 for the 1981-1982 fiscal year. Funds for this insurance have been included in the 1981-1982 budget.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager and Personnel Services. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3015.

ORDINANCE NO. 3015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.3, 61.10.4 and 61.10.5 OF ARTICLE 10 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS FOR STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3015 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) REPLACEMENT "SPECIAL" USED VEHICLES. Expenditure: \$23,606.00

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council approve the following:

- a. The purchase of four (4) "special" vehicles (used) from the Avis' used vehicle resale program in the total amount of \$23,606.00, including tax.
- b. The sale of four (4) vehicles being taken out of service with method of sale to be by commercial auctioneer at a public auction along with other public agency vehicles. (Re: Ken Porter Auction Company).

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20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of Two (2) Budgeted  
Forklift Units.

- 1 - 5000 lb. Solid Tire Forklift
- 1 - 6000 lb. Pneumatic Tire Forklift

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That Council accept the recommendation made by City Staff and authorize the award of a contract for both forklift units to the Freeborn Equipment Company for the purchase of two Toyota units as bid in the total amount of \$33,233.12 for both units.

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

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At 7:00 P.M. the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency -- a Joint Executive Session followed Oral Communications at 7:10 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert noted recent accidents on Anza just south of Calle Mayor and requested Staff follow-through regarding hazards in this area. Chief Nash will report back.

22b. Councilman Rossberg reviewed his concerns re: agenda item 17c, Fire/Property Insurance -- specifically, the "last minute" aspect and the lack of opportunity to ask enough questions. Mr. Rossberg further stated that he particularly dislikes a situation where one company knows what the other company bids.

It was the added comment of Councilman Brown that Staff should investigate "umbrella coverage" as it relates to earthquake liability.

22c. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff review re: an inventory of quasi-public surplus properties that might conceivably be converted for the senior citizen/handicapped housing program.

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The hour being 7:10 P.M., the Council recessed for a Joint Executive Session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning at 9:50 P.M. to take the following Council action:

(AGENDA ITEM 14a)

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to adopt in principle Memorandums of Intent with TCEA, TPREG, TIEA, TPSA, TME Fiscal and TME Crafts and Trade. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson offered a MOTION OF INTENT to start the compensation of Executive and Exempt Employees this pay period, to be specified later in a resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to approve in principle Memorandum of Intent for Externally Funded Employees. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

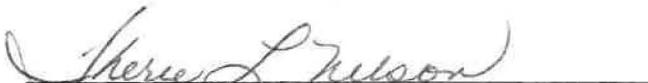
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance