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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, October 5, 1982, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong. (It was necessary for Mayor Armstrong to leave the meeting at 7:15 P.M.)  
Absent: Councilman Wilson (out of town).

Also present: City Manager Designate Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Dick Cahill led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Ollen Fish, First Assembly of God Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 1982 and September 7, 1982, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION - "Friends of the Torrance Public Library Week" - October 10-16, 1982.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "Parent-Teacher Association Enrollment Month" - October, 1982.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8c. PRESENTATION BY THE TORRANCE PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL.

The Torrance Private Industry Council presented a plaque in recognition of the City of Torrance's participation at the September 21, 1982 Century Freeway Procurement and Development Conference to Mayor Armstrong. The plaque was gratefully accepted by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council and the City.

8d. PROCLAMATION - "Lions Service Day" - October 8, 1982.

8e. PROCLAMATION - "United Nations Day" - October 24, 1982.

8f. PROCLAMATION - "National Guard Day" - October 7, 1982.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. APPOINTMENT OF 1982-83 YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

The Selection Committee recommends that the City Council confirm the following people for the 1982-83 Youth Council:

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Warren Aka	Member at Large
Kathy Bachus	West High School
Annette Brown	Bishop Montgomery High School
David Chung	South High School
Paul Hendriks	El Camino Junior College
Lisa Kee	North High School
Heidi Larson	Torrance High School
Erica Marcroft	Member at Large
Anna Minaya	West High School
Madelon Ries	Bishop Montgomery High School
Regina Talmo	Torrance High School

The above named students were introduced, with pleasure, by Mayor Armstrong.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to confirm the above named students as members of the 1982-83 Youth Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate. There were no objections, and it was so ordered (Councilman Wilson absent).

The Oath of Office was then administered by City Clerk Babb.

9b. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Armstrong enumerated the achievements of the outgoing Youth Council members, and, on behalf of the Council, lauded and recognized the following outgoing members:

Tracy Beretta	Brad Hardison
Jim Burton	Kevin Kiyan
Paul Dworkin	Tom Yi

Letters of commendation for the above outgoing members were accepted by retiring Chairman Tom Roberts.

9c. PROPOSED REDUCTION IN 24-HOUR LIFEGUARD SERVICES AT TORRANCE BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that your Honorable Body direct Staff to investigate the proposed cutback of County Lifeguard Service between the hours of 12 midnight and 8:00 A.M. After such investigation, Staff will return to you with information and/or recommendations regarding whatever action is taken by the Board of Supervisors.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager, with the request that this item be returned to the Council within thirty days. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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The hour being 6:00 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:05 P.M.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. NO STOPPING ANYTIME sign on the east side of Paseo de la Playa.

Staff presentation was provided by City Traffic Engineer Collins, following which Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Speakers were:

Mr. Gerald Moriarty, 618 Paseo de la Playa: Reaffirmed previously expressed concerns as related to small children in the area; elimination of parking will move cars closer to the sidewalk where the children are playing.

Ms. Virginia Jones, 342 Paseo de la Playa, representing Torrance Beach Improvement Association: Written communication, of record -- approval of NO STOPPING ANYTIME signs as now recommended by Staff is requested.

Mr. Russell Czueleger, 209 Calle de Sirenas: Expressed opposition to the "No Stopping" compromise -- the parking problem will just be moved up to his street.

Mr. James Kelly, 638 Paseo de la Playa: Concurred with the earlier comments of Mr. Moriarty re: hazards presented to children.

Ms. Inez McGee, president, Riviera Homeowners Association: It is the consensus of the Board that a compromise is in order -- further, that Staff should proceed with haste re: resolution of the parking lot problem.

The last speaker was Mr. George Rusher, 605 Paseo de la Playa, who indicated concurrence with Staff recommendations to eliminate parking in the most critical area -- the problem is a serious one.

Council discussion ensued. Considered were the recognized traffic problems, safety hazards, parking burdens, etc. Of particular concern was the need for further communication with County officials on the proper handling of their parking lot in the subject area -- metering, ingress and egress problems, etc.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the compromise proposal recommended by the Traffic Commission, Police Department and Department of Transportation: Installation of NO STOPPING ANYTIME--TOW AWAY signs on the east side of Paseo de la Playa between Calle de Sirenas and Via Riviera. Further, that Staff work with the County in arriving at a recommendation for optimum use of the County parking lot. Also, this matter is to be returned to the Council in one year for review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Councilman Applegate reviewed the varied parking problems encountered throughout the City -- residents who live near parks, schools, shopping centers, etc. Simply to relocate the cars in the subject consideration is not an acceptable solution to the problem, in his opinion, particularly in view of the fact that there is an unused County parking lot in the afflicted area. The County should be contacted, per Mr. Applegate, re: remedial efforts to solve the problems in this location.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate: That the Council take no action on this item at this time, but, instead, request that appropriate departments meet with the County in an attempt to resolve the effective utilization of the County's beach parking lot. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, but FAILED TO CARRY by way of the following tie vote:

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

The MAIN MOTION likewise FAILED TO CARRY, with a tie vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the subject matter be held until a full Council is present -- in the meantime, Staff be directed to continue study and analysis of the parking problem, with particular emphasis to include, but not limited to, parking lot utilization; maintenance fees; acquisition/lease possibilities; metering; signing; etc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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

10c. WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVE MEASURE (Proposition 13).

RESOLUTION NO. 82-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
PASSAGE OF THE WATER RESOURCES STATUTORY  
INITIATIVE (PROPOSITION 13)

Prior to taking action on the above resolution, formal presentations were made by Acting Water System Manager O'Cain and Mr. Ben Haggott, Director, Metropolitan Water District who provided detailed clarification to the Council.

It was the comment of Councilman Wirth that the present problems are not related to organized, efficient agencies such as the Metropolitan Water District but to some water agencies in California who are overusing their groundwater, and this initiative would require them to have water conservation plans, acceptable to the proposed Board, so that they would be more responsible with their groundwater and their water service. This is the basis of Mr. Wirth's support of Proposition 13.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-233. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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Mayor Armstrong departed from the meeting at this time -- 7:15 P.M. -- and leadership of the meeting was assumed by Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

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The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

10b. RESOLUTION re: Agreement to Participate in the In-Lieu Replenishment Program Sponsored by the Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S

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PARTICIPATION IN THE 1982-83 IN-LIEU  
REPLENISHMENT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE  
CENTRAL AND WEST BASIN WATER REPLENISH-  
MENT DISTRICT

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-234. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg,  
Walker, Wirth.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.

10c. See Page 7.

10d. RESOLUTION re: Installation of Storm Drain in Prairie Avenue from Redondo Beach Boulevard to 450' Southerly.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CONSTRUCTION  
OF A STORM DRAIN IN PRAIRIE AVENUE AND  
AUTHORIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD  
CONTROL DISTRICT TO OCCUPY AND USE SAID  
PUBLIC STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO  
CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SAID  
STORM DRAIN

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-235. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg,  
Walker, Wirth.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.

10e. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT OCEAN AVENUE AND  
PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND POLICE, ENGINEERING,  
PARK & RECREATION, AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS:

The Police, Engineering, Park and Recreation, and Transportation Departments recommend AGAINST adoption at this time of the attached resolution and agreement for installation of traffic signals at Ocean Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

The Torrance Traffic Commission concurs by the following vote with the staff recommendation AGAINST the installation of a signal at Ocean and Pacific Coast Highway:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Taylor, Untereiner, and Chairman Johnson

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: Burgess

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Delaney, McMullen, and Miller

Staff presentation was made by City Traffic Engineer Collins. Council discussion was directed to possible dispositions of CalTrans funds. Mr. Ed Nahibidian, representing CalTrans, advised that the funding status would have to be investigated by their Finance Department. It was the added comment of Mr. Nahibidian that if the Council at this time turns down the signal at Ocean Avenue, it is likely that the funds allocated at this time for that purpose would be terminated and be used for some other location.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

Mr. Bob Sussman, 3904 West 234th Street, stated that while a signal at Pacific Coast Highway and Ocean Avenue would make crossing easier, there is some question as to whether or not it would be safer, the main concern being the resultant great increase of traffic on Ocean Avenue. Mr. Sussman is opposed to the subject signal.

At this point Councilman Applegate commented on the "unknowns" relative to the proposed extension of 238th Street, the funding availability, etc.; also noted was the possible jeopardy of Ocean Avenue funds for signalization of one of the most dangerous intersections in the City, in the opinion of Mr. Applegate.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that Item 10e be held for three weeks for further review by Staff and CalTrans regarding possible alternatives, etc., with written documentation, if necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson, Mayor Armstrong absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION:

- A. To purchase two 1981 surplus refuse trucks from the City of Redondo Beach.  
Expenditure: \$95,850.00
- B. Rent one refuse truck from Redondo Beach.  
Expenditure: \$4,500.00

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the subject request re: refuse trucks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson; Mayor Armstrong absent).

- 17b. RESOLUTION re: Request from Urban West Communities for Extension of Completion Date for the "Pad" Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND UWC TORRANCE AIRPORT

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-236. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson, Mayor Armstrong absent).

- 17c. RESOLUTION re: S.2172 (Goldwater) Bill re: Cable TV.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO REJECT S.2172 (GOLDWATER), THE CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1982

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-237. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson, Mayor Armstrong absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AUTHORIZATION TO SELL "WRECK-TOTALED" CITY VEHICLES - UNITS #7270, #7289 and #8369 Sale Amount: \$2,778.36

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING AGENT:  
That the Council authorize the sale of the three units for salvage of parts to the high bidder for each unit: Schimmick and Dool Auto Dismantlers for units #7270 and #7289, in the total amount of \$1,684.60 (including sales tax) -- and to Lakenor Auto Salvage for unit #8369 for the total amount of \$1,093.76 (including sales tax).

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- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Construction of Street Improvements in Airport Drive and Rolling Hills Way (B82-57).

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING/TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS:

1. That the subject bid be awarded to EXCEL PAVING CORPORATION and that all other bids be rejected.
2. That \$55,000.00 be appropriated from Airport Funds for the City's share of this project.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Landscaping in Median Islands on Sepulveda Boulevard from Eriel Avenue to Cypress Avenue; in Crenshaw Boulevard from Sepulveda Boulevard to 700 feet north; and in the intersection of Via Valmonte and Paseo de las Tortugas (B82-49).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to California Landscape, Inc. and all other bids be rejected.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate requested Staff investigation re: spray painting on wall in Sunnyglen Park.

22b. Councilman Applegate inquired regarding the back-log in Plan Check and the timetable therefor. Building and Safety will report back on this.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert expressed appreciation to Planning Director Ferren and all other Staff members responsible for the efficient handling of the incident at Madrona and Monterey.

Investigation of legal aspects in allowing Friends of Madrona Marsh to restore the property was urged by Councilman Rossberg.

22d. Councilman Rossberg thanked the Staff members who participated in the Olde Downtown Torrance Walk -- the tremendous improvements in this area were noted and commended by Mr. Rossberg.

22e. Councilman Rossberg pointed out the need for improved signing relative to the new Police Facility. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett reported that such signing is now under way and virtually completed.

22f. Councilman Wirth also commended the Olde Downtown Torrance Walk, and recommended follow-up letters to appropriate parties re: apparent problems. Staff input re: a possible "maintenance ordinance" was requested by Mr. Wirth.

22g. Councilman Wirth praised the Safe School Routes brochure, along with the recommended safety precautions.

22h. Mayor Pro Tem Walker advised that he will be out of town and, therefore, absent from the October 12th Council meeting -- it was his request that the Civil Service Commission interviews be postponed until there is a full Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22i. Councilman Applegate recommended that the newspaper display advertising be reviewed and reduced in size in appropriate situations -- they could be equally effective at much less cost.

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At 7:55 P.M. the Council recessed for Executive Session, returning at 8:05 P.M. No action was taken.

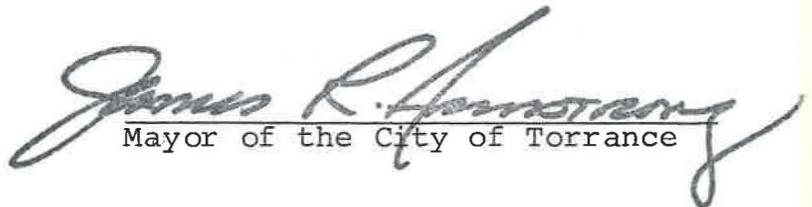
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance