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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, November 23, 1982, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Designate Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Captain Charles Belda led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Charles Magnuson, Del Amo Christian Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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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.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee:
December 1, 1982 - 4:30 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. PROCLAMATION - "Civil Air Patrol Week" - November 29, 1982 to December 4, 1982.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong. In turn, Captain Charles Belda presented a plaque to the City of Torrance in appreciation of the City's support; Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

- 8b. PROCLAMATION - "1736 Week" - November 24 to December 5, 1982.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

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

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

- 21a. PROCLAMATION - "Family Week" - November 21-27, 1982.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

- 8c. See Page 3.

8d. INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUESTS FROM SISTER CITY KASHIWA, JAPAN.

Presentation and introduction of honored guests from Sister City Kashiwa, Japan was provided by Sister City Association president Irene Harter and Mrs. Mikko Haggott. A warm welcome and best wishes were extended by all present.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

- 9a. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with Torrance Sister City Association - 1982-83.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-269

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1982-83

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-269. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert,

Councilwoman Geissert recommended inclusion of the \$3000 appropriation at this time -- it was the consensus of the Council that this matter be brought back at a later date as a separate agenda item.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Rossberg: To accept the recommendation of Staff and adopt Resolution No. 82-269. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to:

- 8c. RESOLUTION urging the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to Reinstate 24-hour Lifeguard Service for the South Bay.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-270

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REINSTATE THE 12 A.M. TO 8 A.M. NIGHT SHIFT LIFEGUARD SERVICE AT THE HERMOSA BEACH HEADQUARTERS

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-270. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS (Cont.):9b. LIFELINE DEVICES.RECOMMENDATION:

The Senior Citizens Council recommends that the City Council allow the sending of the resolution by the Senior Citizens Council supporting the inclusion of Lifelines as a Medicare benefit.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Senior Citizens Council. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

9c. SOCIAL SECURITY.RECOMMENDATION:

The Senior Citizens Council recommends that the City Council allow the sending of the subject resolution by the Senior Citizens Council to Supervisor Dana opposing the proposed withdrawal from Social Security by Los Angeles County.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Senior Citizens Council. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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At this point in the meeting Mayor Armstrong noted communication from Director of Transportation Horkay re: telephone service for the deaf - a service which can be provided at a minimal cost - it being the recommendation of the Department of Transportation that this equipment be purchased, at an approximate cost of \$750, and that it be an item for next year's budget. Councilman Applegate MOVED to concur with the subject recommendation of the Director of Transportation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Extension of Dial-A-Lift Agreement with Redondo Beach and Lomita.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-271

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT EXTENDING THE DIAL-A-LIFT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH REDONDO BEACH AND LOMITA FOR ONE YEAR

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-271. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10b.
- RESOLUTION OF INTENTION
- re: Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Newton Street west of Neece Avenue adjacent to Lots 34 and 35, Block B, Tract No. 7506.
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- Proponent and Beneficiary: Mr. George G. Thompson.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-272

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF NEWTON STREET ADJACENT TO LOTS 34 AND 35, BLOCK B, TRACT NO. 7506, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-272. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

- 11a.
- AWARD OF CONTRACT
- Audio-Visual System for Police Facility.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT /PURCHASING AGENT:

That the City Council award a contract to Video Systems Network, Inc. as low bidder to provide and install the system specified in the total amount of \$47,597.54 (including tax).

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

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. JOB TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIP ACT.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body direct the Manpower Division and the Private Industry Council to:

- 1. Explore the feasibility of a consortium with other cities in the South Bay; and
- 2. Formulate recommendations on the future participation of Torrance in employment and training programs; and
- 3. Work with the appropriate Council Committee during this process.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14b. NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS AND SALARY RANGES FOR ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL, FIRE INSPECTOR II AND FIRE INSPECTOR I.

Mayor Armstrong noted Supplementary Material from the Torrance Fire Fighters, just received, and ordered a 5-minute recess in order that the Council might read this new material, the hour being 7:40 P.M.

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On resumption of the meeting, input relative to the basis of their recommendation for approval of the subject new class specifications was provided by Fire Chief DeYoung and Battalion Chief Haas. The opposition of the Torrance Fire Fighters Association to the proposed realignment of the Fire Prevention Bureau was conveyed by President Jerry Terrill, per communication of record.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Item 14b needed substantially more "fine tuning," and the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that Item 14b be referred to the Employee Relations and Department Organizations Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:19a. RESOLUTION re: Destruction of certain unneeded records.RESOLUTION NO. 82-273

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-
ING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN
UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS
WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-273. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR.20a. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 39350.

Subdivider: Torrance 79, A Joint Venture
(Stearns Development Company)
Location: N.E.C. Casimir Avenue and Artesia Blvd.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject bonds be released.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of Two Budgeted Replacement Police Parking Enforcement Vehicles
Expenditure: \$14,089.95RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests permission from Council to participate in this "special offering" from the AM General Corporation and place an order for two of these right hand drive units for the total amount of \$14,089.95, including tax.

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of Budgeted Replacement Diesel Tractor for Park Department.
Ref. Bid No. B82-74
Expenditure: \$17,674.74RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING AGENT:

That Council award the Melroe Equipment Company of Gardena the contract for the required tractor for the low bid amount of \$16,596.00, plus tax, or \$17,674.74, including tax.

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

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The hour being 8:00 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:01 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate noted the beauty of Hawthorne Boulevard now that the utility poles have been removed -- "it's really, really nice" -- and a letter from the Council should go forward to Southern California Edison Company commending this new look.

22b. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition of the El Camino College girls soccer team -- the State champions.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert reviewed progress re:the recycling center.

22d. Councilman Rossberg commended the new National Headquarters for Toyota -- "this is a remarkably beautiful facility, inside and out; it really does credit to the City."

22e. An outstanding event for the Rossberg/McClain clan was announced with much pride by Councilman Rossberg -- the November 21st birth of his granddaughter, Caitlin Claudia McClain. Warm congratulations were extended by all present.

22f. Councilman Wilson commended the recent large item trash pickup -- it was an outstanding effort, an effort really appreciated by Torrance residents.

22g. Mayor Armstrong joined in commending the Southern California Edison Company for the Hawthorne Boulevard undergrounding project.

22h. Mayor Armstrong requested a status report re: signal at 235th and Western.

22i. Mayor Armstrong noted communication from Metropolitan Water District re: the establishment of the Ben Haggott Memorial Fund.

Also noted by the Mayor was his memorandum re: the need and procedures for filling the vacancy on the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.

22j. Mayor Armstrong noted his desire to see the anti-graffiti paint demonstration.

22k. Mayor Armstrong requested resolutions memorializing: (1) Ben Haggott at the new reservoir; (2) Erika Grubb at some portion of the Joslyn Center expansion; and (3) Leo Coleman at the Cravens-El Prado development.

22l. Mayor Armstrong congratulated Messrs. Applegate and Bourbonnais on the very successful YMCA breakfast.

22m. Mr. Barry Wertheimer, 18229 Mansel Avenue, requested removal of the barricades at Samuel and Madison Streets on Lomita Boulevard, with note of his personal experience in receiving a ticket -- he deemed such a blockade illegal. The Mayor referred this matter to the City Attorney and Director of Transportation for review and recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:20 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:27 P.M. No formal action was taken.

Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council, extended Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all residents and employees of the City of Torrance.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance