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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, December 7, 1982, at 5:30 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 Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Jerry Terrill led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Ray Lambert, First Christian Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 1982, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, 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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong regretfully announced the passing of Torrance residents Alice O'Hearn and 24-year-old Douglas Ramada, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in their memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. RESOLUTION dedicating a Senior Citizen Housing Project in memory of Leo Coleman.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE DEDICATING A SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING
PROJECT IN MEMORY OF LEO COLEMAN

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-275. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 8b. RESOLUTION dedicating a future arts facility in memory of Erika Grubb.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-276

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING A FUTURE
ARTS FACILITY IN MEMORY OF ERIKA GRUBB

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-276. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 8c. RESOLUTION dedicating a water reservoir in memory of Ben Haggott.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE DEDICATING A WATER RESERVOIR IN
MEMORY OF BEN HAGGOTT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-277. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" ON THE EAST SIDE OF PASEO DE LA PLAYA.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Commission, City Manager, Police Department and Transportation Department recommend that your Honorable Body authorize the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs on the east side of Paseo de la Playa between Via Riviera and Calle de las Sirenas.

In addition, the City Manager recommends that your Honorable Body authorize Staff to continue exploring the concept of a City/County operation of parking meters at the Torrance Beach parking lot. Staff will return with a full report in approximately 90 days.

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

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. TOWING AND STORAGE CONTRACT - Fee Revision.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-278

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE FIXING CERTAIN OF THE CHARGES FOR
VEHICLE TOWING PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND VAN LINGEN BODY SHOP, INC.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-278. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11b. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF FROZEN MEALS.RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT/PURCHASING AGENT:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize an additional expenditure of \$7,500 for prisoner's frozen meals, and
2. The Purchasing Department be directed to seek extension of the existing contract with Larry's Food Products from March 9, 1983 to June 30, 1983.

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

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12a. ORDINANCE amending Code providing for Conditional Use Permits for commercial buildings.

Councilman Applegate indicated his concerns regarding the "guidelines" contained in the subject ordinance in that they might become law; other Councilmembers supported this concern. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that such guidelines are criteria for Staff and decision-making bodies and provide valuable guidance; further, this is an established procedure.

Action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the subject ordinance be amended -- Section b) to reflect only the titles: 1) Access; 2) Parking; 3) Privacy; 4) Light and Air; 5) Noise; 6) Aesthetics; and 7) Infrastructure (the specifics of the language to be deleted); noting that these themes are included but not limited to same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3049

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 95.3.29
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD THE
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR
COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS HAVING A FLOOR AREA

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RATIO OF .5 TO 1.00 OR GREATER, AND
PROVIDING DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

Councilman Walker moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3049 at its first reading, as above amended, noting that in considering the Conditional Use Permit application the decision-making bodies shall consider relative factors, including, but not limited to: Access, Parking, Privacy, Light and Air, Noise, Aesthetics and Infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING & SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. INSTALLATION OF SECURITY BARS AT THE TORRANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the installation of breakaway security bars be installed on the windows of the Historical Society Museum and that the sum of \$600 be appropriated from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies.

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

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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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13b. Sign Appeal - S77-11 (Rev I) A.B.M. Business Machines.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject sign appeal, and, following Staff presentation by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy, invited comments from the audience.

The appellant in this matter, Mr. John Swendrak, owner of ABM Business Machines, reaffirmed the contents of his December 7, 1982 letter (of record), stressing his critical need for the subject signing in order to preserve his business.

Council discussion ensued, and desired clarification was provided both by Mr. Swendrak and Mrs. McElroy. A series of motions evolved, as follows:

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the appeal for a period of six months giving the applicant a chance to work with Staff in an attempt to solve the problem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate: That the Council deny the appeal without prejudice (this would require that the sign come down and would permit the proponent to contact his neighbor, etc. in an attempt to remedy the situation). The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Discussion resumed, it being the recommendation of Councilwoman Geissert that Council withdraw action on this matter for a reasonable period of time, permitting the sign to remain in place while the proponent works with Staff in finding a solution.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION was ultimately restated by Councilman Applegate, as follows: That the Council deny the appeal without prejudice, holding the application of that denial in abeyance for three months. The revised substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

It was clarified that the matter would be reconsidered at the end of the three month period if there were some plan pending or if a new plan were contemplated; further, that this case would be exempt from further filing fees -- it was also clarified that any new plan should be brought directly to the City Council, and that a Progress Report be provided by Staff.

The substitute motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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13c. Sign Appeal - S77-3 (Rev II) Scott Robinson Honda,
20340 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Sign Appeal S77-3 (Rev II). Staff presentation was provided by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy, following which the following speaker appeared.

Mr. Don Robinson, manager, Scott Robinson Honda, stated his opinion that the banners are attractive and provide greater

visibility and identification relative to their business operation.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Code requirement of 90 days for banners was in the best interest of all concerned. Any revision in the Code should be deliberated by the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission and the City Council. Also noted was the fact that the 90-day requirement pertains to any calendar year. (Mr. Robinson advised that the banners have been taken down.)

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to DENY THE APPEAL. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

It was the direction of the Council that the matter of banners and time requirements therefor be reviewed by the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission -- such input to be returned to the Council for study and consideration.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:
 14a. RESOLUTION re: TPSA Supplemental #3.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-279

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 TPSA AMENDING RESOLUTION 82-158

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-279. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

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- 17b. RESOLUTION re: 1982 Special Municipal Election held on November 2, 1982.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-280

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 1982, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 82-173 REGARDING THE USE AND POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY, UPON A REFERENDUM PETITION FILED IN THAT MATTER, KNOWN AS PROPOSITION "M" ON THE BALLOT

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-280. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved that the Council appropriate \$8,337.00 to Martin and Chapman Company and the amount submitted from the Los Angeles County to cover the cost of the Special Municipal Election that was consolidated with the Statewide General Election on November 2, 1982. Further, that the Council approve the appropriation of \$4,500 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder costs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:19a. RESOLUTION re: Destruction of City Records.RESOLUTION NO. 82-281

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

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-281. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of 4", 6" and 8" Ductile Iron Pipe. Ref. Bid No. B82-78
Expenditure: \$13,084.96 including tax.RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

That Council award a contract for the purchase of the required 4", 6" and 8" Ductile Iron Pipe to the low bidder, the Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company of Diamond Bar, California, in the total amount of \$13,084.96 including tax.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of a Budgeted 28-Foot Manned Aerial Lift. Ref. Bid No. B82-73
Expenditure: \$32,126.76.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING AGENT:

That Council accept the single bid received for the unit and authorize the award of a contract for the Versa-Lift unit to the California Truck Equipment Company, Inc. of Downey, in the total amount of \$32,126.79 including tax.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition for the El Camino Men's Soccer Team and the El Camino Women's Soccer Team -- both champions.

22b. Councilman Rossberg noted recent communication from City Attorney re: AiResearch "transportation refund," and requested

that this matter be returned as a regular agenda item for decision by the full Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22c. Councilman Rossberg noted considerations re: enclosing Benstead Plunge and that fact that the Temcor Company who specializes in such enclosures is now located in the City of Torrance -- Staff was directed to contact them regarding this opportunity to "show their wares."

22d. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition for Torrance's "Mr. Santa Claus."

22e. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff review re: the five-cent increase in the Federal Gas Tax and the possible role the Council should play.

22f. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff input re: tree replacement projections based on losses suffered during recent storm.

22g. City Clerk Babb requested that Council schedule January 11, 1983, as the date for Commission interviews to fill current vacancies and expiring terms of office. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22h. Mrs. Georgean Griswold, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, expressed appreciation for earlier Council action (Item 8b) dedicating a future arts facility in memory of Erika Grubb.

22i. Mrs. Polly Watts requested Council/Staff consideration regarding the feasibility of the Torrance Transit System participating in providing transportation to certain 1984 Olympic events. Staff review of this suggestion was requested by the Mayor.

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17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:10 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:09 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the case of Lillian Hunter vs. the City of Torrance and the case of Linda R. Point vs. the City of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:10 P.M. -- adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Alice O'Hearn and Douglas Ramada.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance