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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, January 10, 1984, 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 Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Management Assistant John Carroll led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Ray Lambert, First Christian Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with regret, the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Condon, grandmother of City employee Terese Condon, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. INTERVIEWS FOR COMMISSION VACANCIES.

Presentations were made by applicants for the various Commissions, and appointments, by unanimous ballot, were as follows:

Airport Commission:

George Drale

Civil Service Commission:

Council discussion was directed to the attendance record of Commissioner McGrew, seeking reappointment; further information was desired, and the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Council hold consideration of the McGrew appointment until he can be present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved that the Council act on the resignation of Civil Service Chairman Tony Thele (just received). The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Nominations resumed, and appointments to the Civil Service Commission were as follows:  
Jesse (Dick) Cahill  
Robert Basen

Further action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that Commissioner McGrew's term remain in effect until such time as he is reappointed or replaced. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation:  
Richard Kuhns  
James Aviani

Fine Arts:  
Paul Maddox  
Frank Paine

Human Resources:  
John Nushy  
Anna Ho

Library:  
Marcia Cribbs  
Robert Alderman

Parks and Recreation:  
Helen Brock  
Donald Lee

Planning Commission:  
George Brewster  
Jack Messerlian

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Traffic Commission:  
David Burgess

Water Commission:  
Gerald Alter  
Herbert Meredith

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The hour being 8:20 P.M., a 10-minute recess  
was ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR REHABILITATION OF OCEAN AVENUE AND YUKON AVENUE WATER STORAGE TANKS.RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Water Department that City Council authorize the following:

1. Award of contracts for rehabilitation work as follows:
  - a. Rehabilitation of Ocean Avenue tank to Valley Sandblasting & Coating Company at a cost of \$39,000;
  - b. Rehabilitation work on Yukon Avenue tank to Freeman General at a cost of \$48,503 excluding rafter work.
2. Appropriation of \$60,200 from the Water Revenue Fund to complete the subject projects.

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

10b. DISADVANTAGED AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.RESOLUTION NO. 84-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUBMIT THE ATTACHED DISADVANTAGED AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-6. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10c. ORDINANCE re: Speed Limits on Del Amo, Crenshaw and Hawthorne Boulevards.ORDINANCE NO. 3085

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.4 AND 61.10.5 OF ARTICLE 10 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FORTY AND FORTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT FOR STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3085 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. RESOLUTION re: Towing and Storage Contract.

RESOLUTION NO 84-7

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.; EXTENDING THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR; AND MAKING CERTAIN LANGUAGE CHANGES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-7. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Alterations to West Annex, Torrance City Hall.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this item be continued for two weeks to permit further research re: possible legal problems.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the request of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The hour being 8:45 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:46 P.M.

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15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. CUP 68-15 Mi Casita (Rami Rodriguez): Appeal of a Planning Commission decision to revoke Conditional Use Permit 68-15 which allows a cocktail bar with entertainment and dancing in the M-2 zone located at 24650 Crenshaw Boulevard. THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND THAT THE SUBJECT APPEAL BE DENIED AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 68-15 BE REVOKED.

Proof of Publication was presented by City Clerk Babb, 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 following Staff presentation by Planning Associate Bihn, inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Representing the proponent, Attorney John Palenko and David Breiholz, whose office prepared the parking plan layout, were present to affirm the adequacy of the proposed parking arrangements. Mr. Palenko reviewed Staff conditions, noted the enforcement abilities of the City, as well as the positive aspects of efforts to alleviate parking problems. The proponent has provided adequate parking, as required by the City, per Mr. Palenko.

Other speakers were:

Ms. Beverly Short, employed at Palos Verdes Bowl, stated that Mi Casita patrons use the Palos Verdes Bowl parking lot on a continuous basis -- these patrons also intrude by entering the building, using the rest rooms, leaving debris, etc.

Mr. Daniel Drayling, Pennsylvania Avenue, Lomita (directly behind Mi Casita), stated that he has never observed any problems at Mi Casita; he would like to see it remain.

Mr. Christopher Peters, 4409 Vista Largo, advised that he has been working at Mi Casita for the last ten years, and the customers simply are not allowed to park in the bowling alley parking lot by the security officers.

Mrs. Marie Rupert, 4526 Newton, a personal friend and business associate of Rami Rodriguez, stated that Mr. Rodriguez is a very competent person, and she has never observed problems involving rowdiness, and the parking situation is well controlled. There is some racial prejudice involved in this matter, per Mrs. Rupert; it is commendable that Torrance can offer this type of recreation, and Mr. Rodriguez should be permitted to continue this operation.

Mr. George Brea (?), General Manager, Palos Verdes Bowl, noted the long history of the problems at this location -- the parking problems have been present for a long period of time and will continue as patrons seek the most convenient spot to park.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion ensued. Councilman Walker deemed the parking plan a workable one; the Council is not desirous of putting people out of business, but, rather, to solve the problems. This problem has been solved by way of the proponent's acquisition of additional property, an adequate and expert traffic plan, and the utilization of off-duty police officers, per Mr. Walker.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the subject appeal, subject to all Staff conditions, deleting reference to berming in Building and Safety Department Condition #6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR INFORM PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE.RECOMMENDATION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize an expenditure of \$6,000.00 for maintenance of the INFORM programming language.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Information Systems Director. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17b. RESOLUTION re: Use of City Property at 1411 Cravens by the State Employment Development Department.RESOLUTION NO. 84-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SPACE USE PERMIT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND STATE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF A BUILDING AT  
1411 CRAVENS AVENUE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-8. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17c. RESOLUTION re: Purchase of Land for Fire Station No. 6.RESOLUTION NO. 84-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR LAND FROM KSW DEL AMO ASSOCIATES FOR THE SITE OF FIRE STATION NO. 6, AND ACCEPTING AN OFFER OF DEDICATION OF A PRIVATE STREET KNOWN AS  
DEL AMO CIRCLE DRIVE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-9. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17d. ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS re: Sale of Bonds and Certificates of Participation.

ORDINANCE NO. 3086

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 4 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF BONDS TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3086 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-10

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (CITY OF TORRANCE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT) AND THE PLAN OF FINANCING DESCRIBED THEREIN

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-10. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-11

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1984, AND PLAN OF FINANCING DESCRIBED THEREIN

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-11; his motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-12

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORMATION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION, APPROVING ITS ARTICLES AND BYLAWS, DESIGNATING ITS MEMBERS AND DESIGNATING AN INCORPORATOR

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-12. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

(Note: Page 36 of Staff material on this item - "Terms of Sale, Interest Rate" - should be corrected to state: "...shall not exceed twelve percent (12%)...." - instead of 10%.)

RESOLUTION NO. 84-13

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE  
INVITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR THE PURCHASE  
OF \$11,260,000 OF THE CITY'S WATER  
REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1984

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-13. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding Litigation.

Cancelled.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT AERO WAY AND  
PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the work be accepted as completed and final payment be made to Steiny and Company, Inc.

20b. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - To Furnish Miscellaneous Stationery and Office Supply Items for City Departments. Ref. Bid No. B83-59  
Anticipated Expenditure: \$34,627.68 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is, therefore, recommended that Council award four (4) annual contracts to the low bidder of each of the 270 bid items, with the understanding that firm prices were bid by each of the bidders for only the first six months of the contract. Thereafter, price adjustments shall be authorized under the following conditions:

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1. Substantiated price increases by the manufacturer to the vendor.
2. The amount of the increase shall be limited to the amount of the increase received from the manufacturer.

It is recommended that:

1. A contract be awarded to the low bidder of 61 bid items, the Eastman Inc., Company of Long Beach, for the anticipated total amount of \$5,666.57 including tax.
  2. A contract be awarded to the low bidder of 72 bid items, the Bayless Stationers, Inc. Company of Inglewood, for the anticipated total amount of \$10,164.53 including tax.
  3. A contract be awarded to the low bidder of 89 bid items, the Paramount Stationers, Inc. Company of Paramount, for the anticipated total amount of \$14,358.65 including tax.
  4. A contract be awarded to the low bidder of 47 bid items, the Bevco Office Products Company of Carson for the anticipated amount of \$4,437.93 including tax.
- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Budgeted Replacement Police Sedans (Cooperative Purchase with Los Angeles County). Ref. Bid No. Q650  
Expenditure: \$102,508.60

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING AGENT:

That Council approve of the City of Torrance continuing to participate on the Los Angeles County "Cooperative" purchase program for the purchase of budgeted police vehicles; and that Council award a contract to the low bidder of the Los Angeles County Bid #Q650 (for Police black-and-white sedans) to Crenshaw Motors Ford Dealership of Los Angeles for the total amount of \$102,508.60, including tax.

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

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson noted need for Council input re: definition of "completion" as related to the Group W franchise; it was the direction of the Council that this matter be returned in two weeks.

22b. Finance Director Dundore introduced bond consultant Mr. John Fitzgerald from Merrill Lynch.

22c. Councilman Applegate requested Staff input re: City controls related to bus bench advertising.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert commended Councilman Wirth for his dedicated efforts on transportation matters.

22e. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff investigation re: the dumping of trash at 223rd Street and Plaza Del Amo.

22f. Mayor Armstrong noted that Tuesday, March 6, 1984, will be a "dark night" for the Council, due to election.

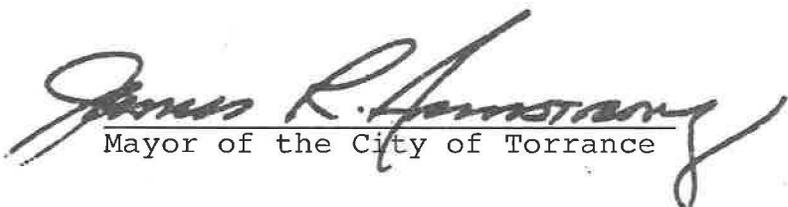
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:05 P.M. -- adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Condon.

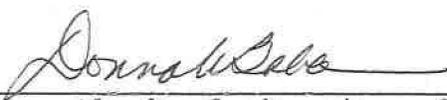
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance