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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 24, 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:

Airport Manager Cagaanan led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Dr. Al Hoagland, First Christian Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 1983, 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:

Finance Committee:  
January 26th at 5:00 P.M.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with deep regret, the passing of Mr. Henry Treskis, a long-time Torrance resident, and directed that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT.

See Page 5.

- 8b. RESOLUTION commending Andrew Littlefair.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING ANDREW  
LITTLEFAIR FOR BEING AWARDED THE JAYCEES  
"DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD"

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-21. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 8c. RESOLUTION commending Kenny Uyeda.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING KENNY UYEDA  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A  
PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-22. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 8d. RESOLUTION commending Gerald L. Alter.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING GERALD L.  
ALTER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT  
AS A PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-23. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 8e. RESOLUTION commending Professor Emeritus Julius Sumner Miller.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING PROFESSOR  
EMERITUS JULIUS SUMNER MILLER FOR ALL

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HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND  
DEDICATION TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-24. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8f. RECOGNITION OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL C.I.F. FOOTBALL FINALISTS.

Letters of Recognition for North Torrance High School C.I.F. Football Finalists were presented by Mayor Armstrong and Councilman Wilson.

8g. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Major Pat Coulter.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO MAJOR PAT COULTER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, FOR HIS YEARS OF ASSISTANCE WITH THE ANNUAL ARMED FORCES OBSERVANCES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-25. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8h. RESOLUTION commending Torrance Soroptimist International.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL TORRANCE FOR "A NIGHT ON THE TOWN"

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-26. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to:

8a. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT.

Previous consideration of this matter was reviewed by Mayor Armstrong, and it was the consensus of the Council that they would adopt the interpretation provided by Civil Service Administrator Ghio re: the attendance record of Commissioner McGrew.

Applicants at this time were Mrs. Marcia Cribbs and Mr. Jean McGrew.

Mr. McGrew offered his apologies to the Council and to the City for the absences that he was forced to undergo last year, due to a significant assignment by his employer. That situation has changed, per Mr. McGrew, who added that he has enjoyed his tenure on the Commission and would like to serve again.

Councilman Rossberg nominated Mr. McGrew; there were no other nominations, and a unanimous ballot was cast for Mr. McGrew.

It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that the Council be informed in cases where attendance problems appear to be developing.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. DONATION FROM MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM B. JAMESON.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Library Commission and the Library Department recommend that your Honorable Body accept, with thanks, the generous donation of \$200.00 to the Torrance Public Library from Mr. and Mrs. William B. Jameson.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation, adding the appreciation of the City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

9b. DEVELOPMENT OF WILSON PARK - PHASE III.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that your Honorable Body accept the low base bid of \$745,607.25 and the

low bid for Additive Alternate "B" horseshoe courts of \$21,300 to be constructed at Wilson Park as submitted by Valley Crest Landscape, Inc., and to reject all other bids. In addition, to appropriate \$50,000 from the Unappropriated Revenue Sharing Fund to cover the cost of contingencies and inspection to complete the project.

FINANCE NOTE:

Funds are available for the \$50,000 appropriation from Federal Revenue Sharing as requested; however, an advertised public hearing must be held. It is RECOMMENDED that no action be taken on this appropriation at this time, but Staff will include it with the public hearing on the necessary Federal Revenue Sharing appropriation for the Automated Library Circulation System scheduled for the meeting of February 7, 1984.

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

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON SHORT-RANGE ACTION PLAN FOR TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

1. That the Lease and Development Standards be adopted as broad guidelines rather than rigid standards.
2. That Staff proceed with the process of interviewing and hiring an architect to design the General Aviation Center and architectural guidelines for FBO redevelopment.

Staff gives fair consideration to all proposals submitted by existing FBO's without any obligation or commitment to grant them extended leaseholds.

Mr. Bernie Hollander, 22959B Nadine Circle, indicated support of the Land Management Team's recommendation that "all FBO sites go to a competitive bid process."

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for adoption of the report of the Council Transportation Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. APPEAL OF RAMI RODRIGUEZ, Mi Casita.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this item be held for one week for further review of language in the ordinance. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. SIGN APPEAL by Sheepskin Covers, 18425 Hawthorne Boulevard - Case #70-103 (Rev I).

Staff presentation was provided by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Frank, the appellants in this matter, were present to request approval of this appeal, reviewing their identification problems at this location.

Following discussion, formal action taken by the Council was as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with Staff and the Environmental Quality Commission in removing the north wall sign, but to allow signage on the east side of the wall to remain -- further, in three years when the roof sign is up for removal that the appellants again come to the Council to work out a beneficial sign program for all concerned. It is also intended that the east elevation signage be considered non-conforming at the end of that three year period. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the direction of Councilman Applegate that a letter go forward to the property owner regarding the above action pointing out the three-year limitation, in the event the property is leased to someone else.

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The hour being 8:01 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency. A 10-minute recess followed.

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15. HEARINGS:15a. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR AMENDING CODE SECTION WHICH SPECIFIES NUMBER OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES REQUIRED FOR A WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE BUILDING.

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 Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

## Speakers were:

Mr. Bob Sikes, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce: Submitted letter from Mr. Robert Abrams, Standard Brands Paints, (of record), indicating opposition to proposed ordinance. Mr. Sikes, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, indicated their preference that there be "no change."

Mr. Jim Scofield, speaking for Kramm Associates and other real estate brokers: Recommended that neither Alternative "A" nor "B" be adopted; that the City continue to use existing mechanisms.

Mr. Robert Nixon, Toyoto Motor Sales: Favor<sup>s</sup> Ordinance "B" over "Ordinance "A" -- "do nothing" is their true position.

Mr. Frank Harper, Harper's: Ordinance "A" would put them out of business; Ordinance "B" would represent non-compliance for them.

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

Following discussion, it was the recommendation of Councilman Applegate that the "status quo" be maintained, with an invitation to Staff to bring back any helpful mechanism. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 15b. V 83-4, NORMAN R. LA CAZE: Request for approval of a Variance of Code-required parking and major design concept approval of a program to remodel, upgrade and construct additional floor area in the existing Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center. THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST.

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, invited comments.

The proponent, Mr. Norman La Caze, was present to elaborate on the proposed remodeling of the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center. Slides and desired clarification were provided, it being noted by Mr. La Caze that the plans presented are the final plans; the reference to "concept" is misleading.

The project was commended by Councilman Rossberg -- consideration re: a name change for the Shopping Center was suggested by Mr. Rossberg.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the slides presented by the proponent at this meeting be part of the record -- Mr. La Caze agreed to comply with this request.

Mayor Armstrong likewise commended the presentation as well done and well thought out.

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 Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department for approval, subject to comments of record, including City Manager's Note: That conceptual approval of the design concept does not constitute consent of the City of any terms or future negotiations regarding lease modifications. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. DESIGNATION OF LAND USE FOR NIKE SITE PROPERTY AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation and the Land Management Team recommend that the City Council:

- A. Amend the non-aeronautical land use element of the Airport Master Plan as follows:
  - 1. Designate Parcels I & II of the Nike Site for farming and commercial development;
  - 2. Designate Parcel III for commercial development.
- B. Grant authorization to seek a release from the Federal Aviation Administration to allow road construction in the Nike Site area.

Staff presentation and desired clarification were provided by Airport Manager Cagaanan and Land Management Team representative Ng.

Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Speakers were:

Mr. Ted Stennis, Torrance Pilots Association: Stressed the concerns of this organization re: the clear zone area and the importance of maintaining sufficient area for this purpose. Mr. Stennis also commented on the need for Airport Commission review re: Airport properties, rather than the Land Management Team.

Mr. John Smith, Vice Chairman, Airport Commission: Reviewed the role of the Airport Commission in matters of this nature, citing this as a very good example of why the Airport Commission should not be bypassed.

Mr. Gary Anderson, Del Amo Auto Centre, (Item 17b), pointed out time constraints surrounding their desired relocation on a Torrance Airport site at Crenshaw Boulevard and Airport Drive, noting their acute need for a two-acre minimal site.

There was further input by Mr. John Harrison, Del Amo Auto Centre, regarding their desire to continue business

in the City of Torrance -- the primary problem is that "time is running out on us."

Following discussion, it was the unanimous consensus of the Council that Parcel #2 be designated as agricultural -- Councilman Applegate so MOVED: the motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Discussion resumed re:Parcels #1 and #3, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that Items 17a and 17b be returned to the Council next week to permit further Staff input re: Clear Zone location. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Mayor Armstrong requested that there be some specific options on Parcel #1, along with appropriate maps, and all pertinent information.

It was the suggestion of Councilwoman Geissert that the option of eliminating the interior road be included in this material, along with alternative access to Parcel #3.

Roll call vote on Councilman Applegate's motion for continuance was unanimously favorable.

17b. NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEL AMO AUTO CENTRE.

Considered with Item 17a. Continued for one week, per action taken above.

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- 17c. RESOLUTION setting a Hearing regarding "Completion" of the Cable Television System.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING A HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 7, 1984, TO DETERMINE WHETHER GROUP W CABLE, INC., HAS COMPLETED THE CONSTRUCTION OF ITS CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ITS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Councilman Wirth moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-27. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION to Remodel the Torrance Civic Center Personnel Building (Personnel Meeting Room), Add Folding Partitions, Suspended Ceiling and Light Fixtures.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:  
That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the general contractor, Trinity Construction Company, and that the City Clerk be directed to file Notice of Completion.

- 20b. COUNCIL REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED - For the purchase and installation of a Single Camera Production and Post-Production System.  
Ref. Bid No. B83-72.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:  
That Council reject all bids and authorize Staff to revise these bidder qualification standards and to rebid the requirement.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate expressed his reservations relative to the televising of Council/Commission meetings, and requested a cost estimate for same.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert indicated support for televising of Council/Commission meetings; such tv coverage would serve a vital public information role, in her opinion. There could be a rotation format for Commission coverage, per Mrs. Geissert.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert requested Staff follow-through re: free licenses for dogs used by the handicapped, with specific note of recent communication from resident in this regard.

22d. Councilman Rossberg shared the above reservations expressed by Councilman Applegate regarding the televising of meetings.

22e. Councilman Rossberg invited Councilmembers to attend the South Bay Cities Association meeting on January 26th -- subject: Cable TV.

22f. Councilman Walker joined in expressing opposition to the televising of Council meetings.

22g. Councilman Wilson recommended that the matter of televising meetings be studied very carefully, and, in the beginning, perhaps there should be careful editing of the more interesting segments.

22h. Councilman Wirth favored the idea of televising the Council meetings.

22i. Councilman Wirth indicated concerns re: bus bench advertising, and requested Staff feedback re: procedures and policies.

22j. Councilman Walker complimented Staff for its handling of the bus shelters and the hotel advertising -- it is very well done and very pleasing, and this should be so indicated to the responsible people.

22k. Councilman Applegate requested Staff investigation of bus shelter at Maple and Torrance Boulevard in terms of potential safety hazard.

22l. Mayor Armstrong commended Staff members for the recent most successful Red Cross Blood Drive.

22m. Mayor Armstrong expressed his pleasure with recent Police Department report indicating a decrease in park vandalism.

22n. It was stated by Mayor Armstrong that television coverage will be expected by the community, properly or not; Torrance should proceed slowly and gradually.

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17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding Litigation.

At 11:00 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: Litigation, returning at 11:15 P.M. No action was taken.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:16 P.M. -- adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Henry Treskis.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance