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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, February 14, 1984, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Wilson arrived at 7:15 P.M.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Homer Morgan led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mayor Armstrong provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 1984, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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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 had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUESTS FROM SISTER CITY - KASHIWA, JAPAN.

The introduction of honored guests from Kashiwa was made by Mrs. Mikko Haggott -- a warm welcome was extended by Mayor Armstrong, followed by presentations by Councilwoman Geissert and the Mayor.

8b. RESOLUTION proclaiming February 15 "Kashiwa Day" in honor of Sister City affiliation between the two cities.RESOLUTION NO. 84-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
THE TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR
SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WITH
KASHIWA CITY, JAPAN, AND PRO-
CLAIMING FEBURARY 15, 1984 AS
KASHIWA DAY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-42. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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8c. PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRED COMMISSIONERS:

In recognition of their dedicated service to the City, Mayor Armstrong presented Community Service Awards to the following retired Commissioners:

Robert Dye	Airport
Homer Morgan	Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation
L.Dale Gasteiger	Human Resources
Rosalinda Zepeda	Human Resources
Gerald Alter	Planning
Kenny Uyeda	Planning

8d. RESOLUTION commending Lael Robinson.RESOLUTION NO. 84-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING LAEL ROBINSON
FOR THE AWARD OF THE LIONS CLUB CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR, 1984

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-43. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

This Resolution of Commendation was gratefully accepted by Lael.

8e. PRESENTATION TO STANDARD BRANDS PAINT COMPANY.

A plaque of appreciation for Standard Brands Paint Company's gift of the "Fujimihara" sculpture was presented Messrs. Ozawa and Abrams by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council and the City.

8f. PROCLAMATION - Valentine's Day - February 14, 1984.

This occasion was observed by Ms. Mary Cooper who provided Valentines and sweets to those present.

8g. PROCLAMATION - "Medical Assistant Week" -
February 20-24, 1984.8h. PROCLAMATION - "Women's History Week" -
March 4-10, 1984.

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8i. RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Donald R. Gerth.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING DR. DONALD R. GERTH ON HIS SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-44. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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(Councilman Wilson arrived at the meeting - 7:15 P.M.)

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9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. APPOINTMENT OF 1984 CLUB REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that your Honorable Body confirm the following individuals for the 1984 term of the Senior Citizens Council:

- Avis Fay - Riviera Senior Citizens Club
- Howard Gendall - Senior Citizens Golf Club
(newly selected)
- Aubrey "Doc" Gregg - Torrance Adult Club
- Etta Morgan - McMaster Senior Citizens Club
- Ursel Nolte - American Association of Retired Persons
- Helen Parrish - Hollywood Riviera Senior Citizens Club (newly selected).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

City Clerk Babb administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Howard Gendall.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. RESOLUTION re: Final Tract No. 39796.
- Subdivider: American Standard
- Engineer: Denn Engineers
- Location: Southeast corner of Del Amo Blvd.
and Crenshaw Blvd.
- No. of Lots: 18

RESOLUTION NO. 84-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR STORM DRAIN PURPOSES SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM EAST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO EAST OF VAN NESS AVENUE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-45. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that Final Tract Map No. 39796 be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. TRANSIT COMPUTER SOFTWARE.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body approve the addition of \$25,100 to the FY 1983-84 transit operating budget for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and implementing computer software to better track and monitor the performance of the Torrance Transit System.

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

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At 7:40 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:41 P.M.

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:12a. ANNUAL REPORT OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that the Redevelopment Agency's Annual Report be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

12b. PERRY SCHOOL SITE.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the subject Resolution be adopted whereby a public hearing will be set for February 28, 1984, and all interested parties will be notified.

Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain in this matter, for reasons of record.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for reconsideration of the decision on Perry School Site (EA 83-19). His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 84-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING A HEARING ON
FEBRUARY 28, 1984, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
RECONSIDERING THE DECISION OF THE CITY
COUNCIL IN EA 83-19, W AND B BUILDERS,
PERRY SCHOOL SITE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-46. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIR SERVICES IN EXISTING CONTRACT.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF.

It is recommended that your Honorable Body approve an amendment to the existing contract with Mechanical Energy Systems Service Company, Inc. by authorizing the expenditure of existing additional funds, not to exceed \$10,000, to continue the existing maintenance and service contract in force.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE.

Due to the continuous failure of the air conditioning system in the new Police Building, the City Manager and Legal staff are exploring possible remedial action against the contractor and the manufacturer of the air conditioning system.

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

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. RESOLUTION re: V 83-5. Thomas J. Baron.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE RETENTION AND CONTINUED USE OF A SECOND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON AN R-1 LOT AT 1520 FERN AVENUE/2619 SONOMA STREET
V 83-5: THOMAS J. BARON

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-47. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 17b. ORDINANCE to authorize the issuance of tax exempt Revenue Bonds.

Councilman Applegate advised that as Chairman of the YMCA Board of Managers, he would ABSTAIN in this matter.

ORDINANCE NO. 3091

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 5 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND LAW, INCLUDING GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS, POWERS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE FINANCING TO PARTICIPANTS FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES, AND CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS

Councilman Walker moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3091 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was affirmed by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the above ordinance will serve as an enabling statute, setting up an appropriate procedure to be used as a tool for the financing of desirable community projects; the proposed YMCA project documents will be presented to the Council on February 21st.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3088.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 14.16.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING DISQUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS OR REMOVAL OF NAMES FROM ELIGIBLE LISTS

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3088 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 3089.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 225.1.17 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE INCOME QUALIFICATION TO \$12,000 AND PROVIDE A UTILITY USERS' TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERMANENTLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3089 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert requested that a remembrance go forward to Ms. Avis Fay, member of the Senior Citizens Council, presently hospitalized.

22b. Councilman Wirth requested Staff input re: City's position regarding uses for Proposition A funds.

22c. City Clerk Babb advised that, following a pilot program, it has been deemed practical to close the City Clerk's office at 5:00 P.M. on late meeting nights, with the office to remain open until 6:00 P.M. on early Council meeting nights. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22d. Mayor Armstrong expressed the appreciation of all present to Mrs. Mary Cooper for her Valentine treats this evening.

22e. Mayor Armstrong commended City Engineer Bourbonnais for the outstanding work by him and his Staff on the uncommitted road monies.

22f. Mayor Armstrong reminded all present that Group W's Channel 10 will show Council candidates on February 15th at 8:00 P.M.

22g. Mayor Armstrong advised that Councilman Wirth will be presiding over a meeting with Congressman Levine on February 18th at the Civic Center Library.

22h. Mrs. Hope Witkowsky, Executive Director, YWCA, announced that the Torrance Historical Society's plaque dedication will occur on February 19th.

Further announced by Mrs. Witkoswky was the "Meet your Candidates Day" at the YWCA on February 25th.

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

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance