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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, March 20, 1984, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Members Applegate, Geissert, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Bill Schirmer led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 1984 and February 14, 1984. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Mock and Nakano abstained in that they were not yet elected to the Council.)

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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.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PROCLAMATION - "Bicycle Safety Month" - March, 1984.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. APPROPRIATIONS FOR DESIGN OF FEDERALLY-FINANCED (FAU) LANDSCAPE PROJECTS.RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that a total of \$93,200 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds for the four landscape project as detailed in Staff material, of record.

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

10b. TORRANCE "AIRPORT DAYS" - 1984.RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

Because of safety, security, insurance, Staff time, and the fact that the Airport will be a veritable "construction site" and not conducive to public display, it is recommended that your Honorable Body:

1. Deny the request, or
2. Refer the matter to the Council Transportation Committee for further discussion.

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Representing the Airport Commission, Mr. Matt Pastell reported on the Commission's desire to mend the rift between the Airport users and the residents in the vicinity of the Airport by demonstrating to the public the public service rendered by the Airport with a reasonable plan for "Airport Days." Mr. Pastell elaborated on the objectives of conducting an "Airport Days" event as defined by the Commission, per material of record. The difficulty has been in presenting the question to the Council, according to Mr. Pastell, and resolution is sincerely desired.

Council discussion ensued, it being indicated that the efforts of the Commission are appreciated; appropriate timing was considered, as were static vs. aerial displays, areas of interest, the "open house" concept, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that Item 10b be referred to the Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Applegate, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Geissert (should be held after General Aviation Center is open).

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11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:11a. PURCHASE OF TWO MEDICAL ANTI-SHOCK TROUSERS (M.A.S.T.).RECOMMENDATION:

The Fire Department recommends that your Honorable Body authorize the appropriation of \$900 from Account 71-2138 to purchase two Pediatric M.A.S.T. Suits.

FINANCE NOTE:

It should be understood that the purchase of these units will be in accordance with established purchasing procedures.

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

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. RESOLUTION re: Supplemental MOU - Torrance Fire Fighters' Association.RESOLUTION NO. 84-76

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 THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 83-220

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-76. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. RESOLUTION re: Contract Amendment with John Frederick Griffin.RESOLUTION NO. 84-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND JOHN FREDERICK GRIFFIN

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-77. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. CUP 83-33 (EA 83-13) Norman R. La Caze: Administrative Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct additional office and retail floor area in conjunction with a program to remodel and upgrade the existing Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center.

Proof of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Dowdy, 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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

The proponent, Mr. Norman LaCaze, 655 Deep Valley Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, reported on the status of the subject project and provided a slide presentation of same.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve CUP 83-33. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE AND RETAIL FLOOR AREA IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PROGRAM TO REMODEL AND UPGRADE AN EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER IN THE C-3 AND C-4 ZONES ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY - CUP 83-33: NORMAN R. LA CAZE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-78. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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- 15b. ZC 83-11, GPA 83-5 (EA 83-23) CITY OF TORRANCE
PLANNING COMMISSION: City Council consideration of a zone change from R-3 to PU and a General Plan Amendment from low-medium density residential to public/quasi-public/open space for property located on the south side of Plaza del Amo between Western and Abalone Avenues. THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BOTH REQUESTS.

Proof of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Dowdy, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the Planning Commission, Planning Department and Redevelopment Staff for approval of ZC 83-11 and GPA 83-5. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk Dowdy assigned numbers and read titles to:

RESOLUTION NO. 84-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED AUGUST 29, 1974, BY RESOLUTION NO. 74-194, TO REVISE THE DESIGNATION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PLAZA DEL AMO BETWEEN WESTERN AND ABALONE AVENUES FROM LOW-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC/OPEN SPACE - GPA 83-5, PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-79. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 3095

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 83-11, TO THE PUBLIC USE DISTRICT (P-U ZONE) ZC 83-11, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3095 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. APPEALS:

16a. SIGN APPEAL - S 84-2 MOORE'S DANCEWEAR: Recommendation of the Building and Safety Department to DENY a sign appeal at 4068 Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Staff presentation was provided by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy.

Present, representing Moore's Dancewear, were Messrs. Tim England, General Manager, and Robert England, owner of the property -- they provided background history re: Moore's Dancewear; noted competitive aspects of this business; and advised that their appeal is based on concerns of record. It was indicated by Mr. Tim England that they would be willing to freeze the sign rotation, lower sign related to freeway traffic, remove sign on south wall, remove awning sign on west side, and to reduce sign on the west wall so that it would conform to Code.

Council discussion ensued, and desired clarification was provided. It was ascertained by Councilman Wirth that there are no complaints of record.

Formal Council action is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the subject appeal, subject to the following modifications: (1) that the ground sign be lowered to an acceptable height; (2) that the sign on the south wall be removed; (3) that the graphic sign on the west wall be brought down to conform with Code, if necessary; (4) that sign rotation be stopped; and (5) that the pole sign be maximum of 25 ft. in height. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Considered together:

- 16b. E 84-23, R.A. Pantages (Shasta Pan Oil Company, St. Francis Well #2): Appeal of a three-year extension to a non-conforming oil use at 4900 Del Amo Boulevard.
- 16c. E 84-22, R.A. Pantages (Shasta Pan Oil Company, St. Francis Well #1): Appeal of a three-year extension to a non-conforming oil use adjacent to 4909 White Court.
- 16d. E 84-24, R.A. Pantages (Shasta Pan Oil Company), St. Francis Well #3): Appeal of a three-year extension to a non-conforming oil use located in alley west of 20331 Anza Avenue and 300 feet south of Del Amo Boulevard.

Formal Staff presentations were made by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Representing the proponent, Mr. R.A. Pantages, was Mr. Peter Lacombe, 3848 Carson Street, who reviewed the matter of "constitutional protection and due process," and affirmed their desire to cooperate in these considerations.

Re: St. Francis Well No. 2:

Mr. Lacombe indicated concurrence with conditions on this well.

It was the request of Mr. Myron Carstensen, 20337 Donora Avenue, that the requested extensions be denied for St. Francis Wells #1, #2, #3 and #4 (per letter of record).

Denial of Well No. 2 was also requested by Mr. S.A. Yamada, 20329 Donora Avenue, per letter of record; Mr. Jack Siegel, 20353 Donora Avenue; Mr. Bob Thue (?), 4812 Michelle Drive; Ms. Beverly Light, 20317 Donora Avenue; Mr. Paul Lemke, 4704 Michelle Drive (addressed Wells #3 and #4 and alley problems); and Mrs. Berdeana Carstensen, 20337 Donora Avenue. The problems associated with Well No. 2 were enumerated by these speakers and included noise, odor, lack of privacy, etc.

Mr. William Larson, a member of the Environmental Quality Commission, indicated his frustration relating to the present ordinance and the duties of the Planning Commission and the Environmental Quality Commission -- re-examination of this ordinance would be in order, in his opinion.

Councilman Applegate reported his on-site inspection of the subject oil sites, with particular note of the problems surrounding the alley in question, and offered the following MOTION: That these matters be referred to the Community Planning Committee of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Following discussion, it was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that the Council entertain comments on Items 16c and 16d.

Item 16c - St. Francis Well #1:

Speaking at this time, Mr. Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, stated that he is opposed to having this well as located because it is blocking the use of that property owned by him.

Stating that they had no objections re: Well #1 were: Messrs. Richard Thone, 4909 White Court, and Richard Quick, 4829 White Court.

Item 16d - St. Francis Well #3:

Opposition was expressed by Mrs. Berdeana Carstensen, 20337 Donora Avenue (per communication of record).

Indicating approval of Well #3 but opposition to opening the alley were: Mr. Sheldon Bochner, 4704 Konya Drive; Mr. Hugh Gisa, 4710 Konya Drive; Ms. Joyce McDonald, 20435 Anza Avenue; Mrs. Margaret Richardson, 4703 Konya Drive; Mr. Charles Thompkey, 20434 Reynolds Drive; and Ms. Georgene Householder, 20435 Anza Avenue.

Further Council discussion ensued, resulting in the following action:

Councilman Applegate restated his above MOTION: That these matters be held for three weeks to permit further Staff input to the Council Committee or the Council as a whole. Councilman Mock thereupon withdrew his second.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission for approval of Item 16c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That Items 16b, 16c and 16d be referred back to Staff and returned to the Council on April 10th, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Mock,
Nakano.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker, Wirth; Mayor Armstrong.

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The hour being 8:30 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency. A 10-minute recess followed at 8:32 P.M.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. PRE-BUDGET WORKSHOP.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That a Pre-Budget Workshop be scheduled for March 27, 1984.

It was the unanimous consensus of the Council that a Pre-Budget Workshop be scheduled for March 27, 1984 at 6:30 P.M.

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding litigation.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT Re: Purchase of Replacement Paramedic Equipment from Sole Source Supplier.
Expenditure: \$6,836.87 (Less Trade-in Existing Unit - \$1,000.00)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING AGENT:

That an award be made to the Medical Communications Instrument Company of Canoga Park, California, for the purchase of the Biophone Communicating Unit in the total amount of \$6,836.87 including tax, less a trade-in offer of \$1,000.00 on our existing non-operating unit.

20b. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Street Improvements in Various Locations (B83-04)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, George Dakovich & Son. Inc.

20c. AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SURPLUS CITY EQUIPMENT RE:
ASPHALT SPREADER BAR UNIT - To City of Redondo
 Beach. Amount: \$1,500.00 (including sales tax).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING AGENT:
 Inasmuch as the City no longer has any need for this unit, and, as such, is judged "surplus equipment," it is recommended that Council authorize the sale of the unit to the City of Redondo Beach in the amount of \$1,500.00 including tax in accordance with requirements of the Municipal Code.

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.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson noted receipt of communication from Southwood Homeowners Association re: Airport Days -- copies will be provided the Council and will be on the Committee agenda when this matter is considered.

22b. Councilman Applegate commended Deputy City Clerk Myriam Dowdy -- "she does an outstanding job."

22c. Councilman Applegate requested appropriate recognition for West High on the occasion of their selection as one of the nine outstanding high schools in the State of California.

22d. Councilman Applegate requested Staff review re: speeding problem on Anza Avenue between Calle Mayor and 235th Street.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert extended congratulations to Councilman Mock on the occasion of his 30th birthday on March 21st.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert reaffirmed her desire that the Council be involved in the early considerations regarding the Senior Citizen housing project in Downtown Torrance.

22g. Councilman Mock requested appropriate recognition for the 20th Anniversary observance by New Horizons residents.

22h. Councilman Nakano expressed appreciation to Staff members who have been so helpful to him -- their highly professional manner was commended by Mr. Nakano.

22i. Mayor Armstrong advised that committee selections will be made in the very near future -- preferences should be made known to him.

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17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The hour being 9:00 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 9:10 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney regarding litigation matters on ALBERT MAESTAS and SUSAN NOLAN. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

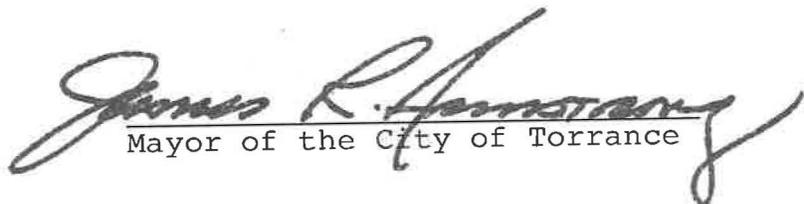
MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 27, 1984, at 6:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The hour of adjournment was 9:12 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


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