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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 1984, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

The first order of business was:

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17c. PRE-BUDGET WORKSHOP.

Formal presentation was made by City Manager Jackson, followed by Council input re: areas of specific interest and concern.

The informal discussion reflected the following consensus of the Council:

Program Service:

Current level of City services is adequate. There is a need for additional services, specifically as related to sidewalk repair. There should be program enhancement of sidewalk repair projects.

New Programs:

There should be further review re: the large item pickup program. Present programs should be continued as set.

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Revenue Sources:

Cost of City services are equitably distributed.

Budget Workshop Procedures:

Present procedures are satisfactory.

Reference was also made to the desired incorporation of the Joslyn Center Expansion in the Capital Improvement Program (Mayor Armstrong); to the addition of night lighting on sports fields (Councilman Applegate); to the need for additional personnel for park maintenance (Councilwoman Geissert).

It was further indicated that there should be continued review re: a General Aviation Center, child care options should be studied, as well as a possible reduced trash fee for senior citizens and others with small amounts of trash (Councilman Wirth). It was also suggested by Mr. Wirth that there be consideration re: relatively light fee increases in view of projected increased utility users tax. City Attorney Remelmeyer provided an update on pending Jarvis legislation and possible tax impacts.

Councilman Wirth indicated an added interest in finding monies for the "1736 House," and that the Council "continue to be very fair with our City employees." The need for tree trimming in certain areas of the City, as well as an exploration of some type of indexing relative to the utility users tax was noted by Councilman Mock.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Applegate, concurred in by Councilwoman Geissert, that a procedure be developed which would permit department head response at the budget discussions.

Support for an expanded sidewalk repair program was expressed by Councilmembers Geissert, Mock and Wirth. Councilmembers Geissert and Wirth also specifically concurred with approval of the Joslyn Center Expansion.

City Manager Jackson expressed appreciation to the Council for the above input.

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The Council resumed its formal agenda.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Boy Scout Troop #310 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 21, 1984, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM.

Presentation of Plaque and Letters of Commendation were presented members of the championship Torrance High School Girls Soccer Team by Councilmen Nakano and Walker, with congratulations by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. REQUEST OF FINE ARTS COMMISSION TO HOST RECEPTION FOR JOSLYN CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff concurs with the request of the Fine Arts Commission to host the Reception for the Juried Art

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Show of the Joslyn 20th Anniversary Celebration and to expend \$750 from the Fine Arts Commission budget for the event.

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

9b. APPOINTMENT OF RIVIERA CLUB REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION: That your Honorable Body confirm the appointment of Mary Locke as representative of the Riviera Senior Citizens Club to the Senior Citizens Council to fill the unexpired term of the late Avis Fay.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Director of Parks and Recreation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION - 1984 Weed Abatement Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS AND RUBBISH UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

The subject Resolution was amended by City Engineer Bourbonnais, as follows: Add to the list within the resolution - Book 4085, Page 27, Parcel 26, Portion of Lot 16, McDonald Tract, 15 ft. wide strip north of 178th Street and extending 630 ft. west of Amie Avenue, being north of Lots 1 through 13 of Tract No. 14202.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-80, as above amended. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 10b. RESOLUTION re: Crenshaw Boulevard - Maricopa Street to Carson Street - Request for County Financial Support.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM "HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN MARICOPA STREET AND CARSON STREET

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-81. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10c. OFFER FROM SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF A NEEDED DRAINAGE EASEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the offer of dedication of the drainage easement, as shown on sketch of record, be accepted in fulfillment of the property owner's obligation toward provision of the major drainage channel through and/or adjacent to the property.

Councilman Applegate announced that he would ABSTAIN in this matter in that he has a previous business interest in an adjacent piece of property.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth;  
Mayor Armstrong.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (too many questions  
in her mind)  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. RESOLUTION re: Increase in Manpower Staffing Level.RESOLUTION NO. 84-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF A .3 INTAKE INTERVIEWER AND A .3 MANPOWER CLERK II AS RECURRENT SUMMER POSITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR THE CARSON/LOMITA/TORRANCE CONSORTIUM UNDER THE JOB TRAINING AND PARTNERSHIP ACT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-82. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. RESOLUTION re: Supplementary MOU for the 1983-84 Torrance Municipal Employees (Local 1117) MOU.RESOLUTION NO.84-83

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 TME-AFSCME, AMENDING RESOLUTION 83-190

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-83. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. APPEALS:16a. APPEAL OF REVOCATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE.RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon the two violations of Section 647B of the Penal Code, and also due to the lack of control and monitoring of the business by owner Yoon, the License Review Board recommends that your Honorable Body uphold the revocation of the business license of Oriental Accupressure.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the hearing in this matter, and then outlined the history (of record) re: Oriental Accupressure. Procedures to be followed were then detailed by the Mayor.

Representing the appellant, Attorney Fred Nameth, 304 South Broadway, Los Angeles, reaffirmed the basis of this appeal, as stated on the Appeal Form, further noting that there was no presentation of evidence under oath by a representative of the Police Department. It was further stated by Mr. Nameth that Mr. Yoon is of Korean descent, and while he does speak some English, it was apparent to all present that he had interpretation difficulties -- an inquiry should have been addressed to Mr. Yoon by the Board as to his desire for an interpreter; this was not done.

Continuing, Mr. Nameth advised that Mr. Yoon was not told that he could present witnesses on his behalf.

The penalty is a severe one, per Mr. Nameth; Mr. Yoon should be given the opportunity to again present this matter to the License Review Board in order that there could be complete representation.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that this item be returned to the License Review Board for handling in a timely manner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Review of present hearing procedures by Staff was requested by Mayor Armstrong.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Selections were as follows:

Community Planning:

Councilwoman Geissert (Chairperson)  
Councilman Mock  
Councilman Walker

Public Safety:

Councilman Mock (Chairman)  
Councilman Applegate  
Councilman Wirth

Transportation:

Councilman Wirth (Chairman)  
Councilwoman Geissert  
Councilman Walker

Citizen Development and Enrichment:

Councilman Applegate (Chairman)  
Councilman Nakano  
Councilman Wirth

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Finance:

Councilman Nakano (Chairman)  
 Councilman Applegate  
 Councilwoman Geissert

Employee Relations:

Councilman Walker (Chairman)  
 Councilman Nakano  
 Councilman Mock

- 17b. RESOLUTION re: Assessment Practice for Multi-Year Industrial and Commercial Property Developments.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF ASSEMBLY BILL 3358 (FLOYD) CONCERNING ASSESSMENT PRACTICES FOR MULTI-YEAR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

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

- 17c. PRE-BUDGET WORKSHOP.

See Page 1.

- 17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding Litigation.

See Page 12.

- 17e. WAIVING OF FEES FOR SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that your Honorable Body waive the carnival license fee for South High School, contingent upon payment of the safety inspection fee.

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

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3095.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 adoption of Ordinance No. 3095 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. MODIFICATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND MAPLE AVENUE (B83-44).RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the work be accepted as completed and final payment be made to Phoenix Electric Service Company.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of New Factory Ammunition on a Cooperative Purchase Program with the State of California. Ref. State Contract #1-84-13-0  
Anticipated Expenciture: \$9,147.90RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

That Council authorize Torrance's continued participation with the State of California for the purchase of New Factory Ammunition and award a contract for the purchase of this new ammunition to the low bidder of the State bid - the Winchester/Olin Corporation of East Alton, Illinois - for the anticipated "use" amount, including tax, of \$9,147.90.

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.

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

21a. CITY PARTICIPATION WITH THE VOLUNTEER CENTER FOR PILOT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATION "CARE", A PILOT PROJECT, FOUR SATURDAYS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1984, MAY NOT BE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES AND ARE THEREFORE NOT COVERED BY WORKERS' COMPENSATION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-85. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The hour being 7:50 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:51 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson requested Council direction re: the annexation of Alondra Park, it being the consensus of the Council that such annexation should not be pursued.

22b. Councilman Applegate referred to Item 16e and the procedures of the License Review Board -- there were questions which should have been asked; hopefully, the Council will not be put in this position again.

22c. A status report re: West Annex bidding was provided Councilman Applegate.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert requested that the matter of the drainage sump on the Del Amo project be presented to the Council as a regular agenda item in order that there may be public discussion.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert requested further information on S.B. 2333 and S.B. 2334 re: ban of fireworks.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert requested a Staff report re: recent experience of a jet practicing touch-and-go at the Airport.

22g. Councilmen Mock and Nakano commented on enlightening departmental tours.

22h. Councilwoman Geissert advised that she will be in Sacramento on April 3rd, and will, therefore, be absent at that Council meeting.

22i. Councilman Walker commended the Fire Department for its fast action on the recent occasion of a fire at the Radium Theater.

22j. Councilman Wirth noted that citizens interested in Bingo are present, and requested at this time that this matter be made a regular agenda item, to be returned in approximately four weeks. Councilman Wirth so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22k. Mayor Armstrong requested appropriate recognition for Councilman Mock for his service, prior to his election to the Council, on the Library Commission.

22l. Mr. Cris Eliopulos, 5310 Emerald Street, reviewed special conditions surrounding school lighting at West High School; should this lighting be removed, it could never be replaced.

Following discussion, it was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that this matter be referred to Staff for in-depth study and contact with interested parties.

22m. Mr. Ursel Nolte, 5209 Paseo de Pablo, representing the Senior Citizens Council, reviewed current crisis situations for Senior Citizens relating to housing, cost of living, health costs, etc.

Council discussion ensued. Especially noted by Councilwoman Geissert was her continued interest in a "farmers market" arrangement in Torrance; she MOVED that this matter be returned as a regular agenda item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that the Council be provided with a recap of all programs related to Senior Citizens.

22n. It was further stated by Mr. Nolte that the annual Senior Citizen May Festival will be held on May 5th.

22o. Next noted by Mr. Nolte was the need for a Proclamation for "Older American Month" in May.

22p. Ms. Eva Bisou, 703 Madrid, expressed support for Bingo in Torrance, and requested that this be given consideration by the Council.

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17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding Litigation.

At 8:30 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:55 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the offering of a written purchase to secure the Marriott Hotel site in accordance with the appraised value of the property, or such other language as desired by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:56 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