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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, April 10, 1984, at 5:30 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.

This meeting was convened at this early hour for the following purpose:

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding hours, wages and working conditions.

The Council recessed at 5:33 P.M. for the subject Executive Session, returning at 7:10 P.M.

No formal action was taken.

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The Council now returned to the regular agenda order.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Miss Griffith led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Truett Lawson, Pacific View Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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 deep regret, the death of Mr. Gerald Grubb, long-time Torrance resident. It was the direction of the Mayor that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY COMMISSION:

Following interviews, Mrs. Gudrun Kimmel was selected to serve on the Library Commission.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "National Library Week" -
April 8-14, 1984.ADDENDUM ITEM:21a. PROCLAMATION - "SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA KENDO WEEK" -
April 15-21, 1984.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8c. RESOLUTION commending West High School upon selection as an exemplary high school.RESOLUTION NO. 84-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING WEST HIGH SCHOOL UPON SELECTION AS AN EXEMPLARY HIGH SCHOOL BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-94. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with Torrance Sister City Association.RESOLUTION NO. 84-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1983-84

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-95. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9b. DONATION TO TORRANCE AREA READING COUNCIL AUTHORS' FAIR BY THE LIBRARY COMMISSION.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Library Commission recommends that your Honorable Body support their request to expend \$50.00 from their budget to sponsor a local author at the Fifth Annual Authors' Fair, May 15, 1984. The Library Department concurs in this recommendation.

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

9c. RESOLUTION approving Application for Grant Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE FOR ROBERTI-Z'BERG URBAN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR SUR LA BREA PARK MAKING CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,596 IN MATCHING FUNDS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-96. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. AIRCRAFT WASHRACK.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. The work performed to construct an Aircraft Washrack at Torrance Airport be accepted as completed and final payment be approved.
2. Council authorize an additional appropriation of \$5,189 from Airport funds to cover revised project costs.
3. Council further approve the appropriation of the latest award of \$5,000 in accrued State block grant monies from the California Aid to Airports Program.

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

- 10b. RESOLUTION re: Award of Engineering Contract for Traffic Signal Timing Optimization.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MOHLE, GROVER AND ASSOCIATES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR A FUEL EFFICIENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Councilman Wirth moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-97. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

- 11a. RESOLUTION supporting Senate Bills 2333 and 2334.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE STATE LAW BY SUPPORT OF SENATE BILLS 2333 AND 2334 WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE CITIES TO PROHIBIT FIREWORKS SALES ON A "LOCAL OPTION" BASIS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-98. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Redevelopment Agency and City Council convened in Joint Session at 7:30 P.M.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

Considered in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency:

12a. DEVELOPER SELECTION FOR SENIOR HOUSING.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval of the procedural plan for developer selection, including involvement of the Community Planning and Design Committee of the Council, and composition of the final Project Development Team.

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

The Joint Session was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. and the Council resumed its regular agenda order.

12b. MODIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Staff and the Redevelopment Staff recommend a voluntary expiration of the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program Credit Agreement with the Bank of America and direction to Community Development Staff to design a cash rebate-type program to directly assist Downtown commercial exteriors.

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

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: JTPA FY '84 Title II-B Summer Youth Program Subcontract Agreements.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND
DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK
TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THESE CERTAIN
CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AND TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND EMPLOYMENT READINESS SUPPORT
CENTER

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-99. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a.
- PUBLIC HEARING
- 1984 Weed Abatement Program (B84-12).

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. There were no exceptions.

The Affidavit of Mailing was presented by City Clerk Babb. Councilman Applegate MOVED that the Affidavit of Mailing be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Armstrong then 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.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 84-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 84-80

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-100. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. APEALS:16a. TIME EXTENSIONS FOR NON-CONFORMING WELLS (EA84-23, EA 84-24 and EA 84-25)RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

1. The open tank be sealed to mitigate odors from crude oil; that the tanks and equipment be architecturally screened; and that additional landscaping be added to the satisfaction of the Fire and Building Department staff;
2. That the wells in the alley be modified to allow accessibility through the alley, provide 13' clearance at Well No. 3 and an 18' clearance at Well No. 4;
3. That the rig holdown anchors in the alley be undergrounded with a metal cover flush with the finish grade;
4. That traffic barriers be placed around the wells to the satisfaction of the Traffic Department;
5. That improvement to the alley be provided by the City;
6. That a traffic study be conducted to address the neighborhood concerns on traffic problems; and
7. That the right of the oil operator to service the wells be maintained as permitted by the Torrance Municipal Code.

The City Attorney recommends that Ordinance "A" be adopted.

City Manager's Note:

The Transportation Department prefers a 20-foot alley clearance for traffic safety in regards to recommendation #2. The Fire, Police, Building and Safety, Engineering and Planning Departments concur with recommendation #2.

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Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject continued public hearing, and invited comments from the audience.

Representing Shasta Pan, Mr. Peter Lacombe, 3848 Carson Street, reviewed Staff conditions, expressed some concerns, but indicated general concurrence with same.

Other speakers were: Mr. Wallace Vance, 4707 Konya Drive, recommended that the alley remain unchanged; Mrs. Berdeana Carstensen, 20337 Donora Avenue, reaffirmed her substantial concerns, of written record; Mr. Jack Siegel, 20353 Donora Avenue, reviewed the storage tank/oil well location aspects; Mr. S.A. Yamato, 20329 Donora Avenue, discussed oil tank on property adjacent to his home; Mr. Bob Thue (?), 4812 Michelle Drive, favors opening of the alley; Mr. Hugh Geisa, 4710 Konya Drive, pointed out problems related to alley; and Ms. Richardson, 4703 Konya Drive, who added her findings re: alley-related problems.

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

Following discussion, and further Staff input, the following series of motions evolved:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with Staff's recommendation, including conditions #1, #3, #4, #5 and #7, combining conditions #2 and #6 to read: "That a traffic study be conducted to address the neighborhood concerns on traffic problems and the possible modification of wells #3 and #4 for emergency access only.: The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wirth: That Council concur with Staff recommendations as stated, modifying #1 to acknowledge Mr. Lacombe's concerns; modifying #2 to state that the access be only for emergency vehicles; Staff to come back to the Council in the near future with details on exactly how that layout will be. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, with the comment that the matter is better clarified as stated by Councilman Wirth.

Following discussion, Councilman Wirth AMENDED HIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION to further state: "That conditions #4 and #6 be deleted." The amended substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, BUT FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

A new SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Applegate: That Council adopt Staff condition #1 and ask Staff to come back at the earliest opportunity for other alternatives that will address conditions #2 through #7. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Discussion was directed to the MAIN MOTION, it being reaffirmed by Councilman Walker this action would basically accept all Staff conditions.

Councilman Applegate thereupon WITHDREW HIS SUBSTITUTE MOTION and offered a NEW SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That Council adopt Staff conditions #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7, modifying #6 into #2 which would state that the wells in the alley would be modified for safety vehicular access only, and that a study would be done re: further improvements on the traffic configurations in the neighborhood. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 3096

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.14.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENDED TIME FOR APPEAL, AND FOR REHEARINGS BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF PRECISE PLANS FOR OIL WELL SITES, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Wirth moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3096 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 9:15 P.M., Mayor Armstrong ordered a 10-minute recess.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding hours, wages and working conditions.

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17b. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FOR OUTSIDE AGENCY AND CITY COMMITTEES.

Mayor ARMstrong offered the following appointments:

Armed Forces DayBill Applegate
Dan WalkerIndependent CitiesBill Applegate, Delegate
George Nakano, AlternateLeague of California CitiesMayor Armstrong, Delegate
Katy Geissert, AlternateParking Place CommissionMayor Armstrong
George NakanoPrivate Industry CouncilMayor Armstrong, Delegate
Katy Geissert, AlternateSCAG General AssemblyMark Wirth, Delegate
Tim Mock, AlternateSister CityKaty Geissert, Delegate
George Nakano, AlternateSouth Bay CitiesGeorge Nakano, Delegate
Katy Geissert, Alternate

MWD Director
Marvin Brewer

Congress of Mayors
Mayor Armstrong

Ad Hoc Joslyn Center
Mayor Armstrong
Katy Geissert
George Nakano

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

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Improvement of Del Amo Boulevard from Anza Avenue to Henrietta Street (B82-17) FAU-ML-073(5).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and that final payment be made to the contractor, Masonry Constructors, Inc.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 1984 Weed Abatement Program (B84-12).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to APPLE'S TRACTOR SERVICE and that all other bids be rejected.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Renewal of Contract to Furnish Various Lubricating Oils.
Ref. Bid No. B83-20 (Renewal Option)
Anticipated Expenditure: \$21,350.23

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

That Council authorize a six-month extension of the present contract with Texaco, Inc. company to provide various lubricating oils to the City in the anticipated amount of \$21,350.23 including tax.

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.

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

21a. PROCLAMATION - "Southern California Kendo Week".

See Page 3.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson requested Council approval of the appointment of Chief Nash as Acting City Manager during his one-week vacation. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22b. Councilman Applegate expressed appreciation to all who had contributed to Councilman Rossberg's very successful retirement dinner. The Council commended Mr. Applegate for his outstanding work on this occasion.

22c. Councilman Applegate noted the need for further Staff review of signage at Treasury site.

22d. Councilman Applegate announced that the Grand Marshal for the Armed Forces Day Parade will be Lieutenant General Arthur Brown.

22e. Councilman Mock requested Staff review re: a possible change in the City logo, with emphasis on the "people" aspect.

22f. Councilman Walker noted the acute need for relief from the heat of the lights for cable television. Councilwoman Geissert concurred.

22g. Councilman Wirth noted the itemizing of cable television (Channel 22) listings on the agenda, as well as the addition of music to Channel 22.

22h. Councilman Wirth requested that a television set be made available to the public interested in viewing programs on Channel 22.

22i. Councilman Wirth noted the proposed selling of the Carl Steele School site, and requested that this matter be placed on the Citizen Enrichment and Development Committee agenda.

22j. Mayor Armstrong reviewed the efforts of the cable television personnel to work out a satisfactory arrangement for televising Council meetings.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:45 P.M.
-- adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Gerald Grubb.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance