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Minute SecretaryCity Council
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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, July 31, 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.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Treasurer Tom Rupert led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend David Glass, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the Council minutes of July 10, 1984, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote proved 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:

Citizen Development and Enrichment to meet with Torrance Unified School District Wednesday, August 1, 1984.

Community Planning and Design to meet Thursday, August 16, 1984, regarding Hillside Ordinance.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with deep regret, the passing of Judge Tom Fredricks, who had served many years in the South Bay Court; and Mr. Bob Johnson, a long-time City employee. It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that this meeting be adjourned in their memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. Recognition of Debbie McElroy.

Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the members of the Council, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Debbie McElroy, winner of the United States National Title, as well as the World Women's Power Lifting Championship in her weight category. This certificate was accepted with sincere appreciation by Ms. McElroy.

8b. Resolution honoring Thomas C. Rupert.RESOLUTION NO. 84-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING THOMAS C. RUPERT
FOR HIS TWENTY (20) YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS CITY TREASURER

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The above resolution was received, with sincere gratitude, by City Treasurer Rupert.

8c. Recognition of Miss Jenny Sidebotham.

Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Miss Jenny Sidebotham, Miss California National Pre-Teen.

This recognition was accepted, with pleasure by Miss Sidebotham.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. Library Commission Annual Report.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to accept, with appreciation, the Library Commission's Annual Report from July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1984. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried without objection.

9b. Library Commission Meetings at Branches.

RECOMMENDATION OF LIBRARY COMMISSION:

The Library Commission requests permission to change its meeting time and location on certain specific dates in order to encourage greater public participation.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Library Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. Resolution re Solid Waste Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE CONCURRING IN THE SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN NONHAZARDOUS WASTE
ELEMENT TRIENNIAL REVIEW

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-220. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

10b. Purchase of Traffic Signal Equipment.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body authorize an additional \$65,000 to our existing contract with the Econolite Corporation with pricing based on Los Angeles County Contract #45532.

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

10c. Street Lighting Assessments.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE EIGHTH YEAR (OF THE TWENTY YEAR PERIOD) BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1985. PURSUANT TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 77-133 ORDERING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AND EMPOWERING SAID TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTION OF SAID ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SAID EIGHTH YEAR.
(TORRANCE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 17)

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-221. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10d. Treasury Drive Barricades.

Following staff presentation by Associate Transportation Engineer Vance, the various proposed design improvements for Treasury Drive (per material of record) were addressed by the Council.

It was Councilman Applegate's opinion that the Supplemental Alternative would not be a viable one in that it only addresses traffic traveling in a northerly direction. Alternative B-3 with the berming to be constructed in a temporary manner was recommended by Mr. Applegate, who offered the following --

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved the Alternative B-3 be pursued, with the modification attained in a temporary fashion, to be followed by a permanent installation if found to be successful.

This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Discussion continued, with particular concerns being voiced by Mayor Armstrong regarding the failure to notify all residents of Ocean Avenue who had previously expressed concerns, of this meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that the matter of design improvements for Treasury Drive be referred to the Traffic Commission for more work with the neighbors and a closer look at alternatives. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth. This motion ultimately carried - see below.

Prior to roll call vote, audience comments were invited by the Mayor.

Mr. David Powell, Pacific Development Group, expressed their opinion that Treasury Drive should either be totally opened or totally closed -- opposition to Alternative B-3 with its resultant heavy traffic impact at Mervyn's entrance was expressed by Mr. Powell.

Ms. Donna Spritzer, 21930 Ocean Avenue, indicated her preference for the present traffic diverter design in that the traffic, in slowing down to go around the diverter, is more quiet.

An employee in the Del Amo Executive Plaza complex, Mr. Jay Belshaw, requested that consideration be given to the amount of traffic which would be diverted onto Hawthorne Boulevard should Treasury Drive be blocked off -- he would recommend that the wall at the rear property line of the adjacent residences be made higher and traffic be allowed to go through.

Council discussion resumed, it being the expressed opinion of Councilman Wirth that consideration should be given to through access, with the roadway closed during the evening hours as one alternative.

It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert, if this matter is returned to the Traffic Commission, that consideration also be given to the impact on Ocean Avenue south of Sepulveda Boulevard, with comparative traffic counts on that street both before and after installation of traffic diverters being provided by Staff.

Councilman Applegate expressed his opinion that all testimony should be heard by the Council, the ultimate decision-making body, rather than returning this matter to the Traffic Commission. Concerns were expressed by Mr. Applegate regarding any possible unrestricted opening of the street; the effect of a sound wall on residents' light, air, emergency services access, etc; the costs and aesthetics of such a wall; the ineffectiveness of a wall should certain residents not concur with its construction; etc.

Roll call vote on Councilman Walker's above motion to return this matter to the Traffic Commission, proved unanimously favorable with the exception of a negative vote by Councilman Applegate.

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At 6:21 p.m., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council Agenda at 6:22 p.m.

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13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. Award of Bid for Torrance Service Facility and Torrance Transit Facility.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:

1. To relieve Montgomery Ross Fisher, Inc., and H. A. Lewis, Inc., a joint venture, from their bid and authorize the release of their bid bond.
2. To award the contracts for the Torrance Service Facility and the Torrance Transit Facility to Shirley Brothers, Inc., in the total amount of \$15,494,000.
3. To approve funding from the sources described in the above item.
4. To adopt the attached Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 84-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, RELIEVING MONTGOMERY ROSS FISHER AND H. A. LEWIS, INC., A JOINT VENTURE, OF THEIR LOW BID ON THE SERVICE FACILITY AND TRANSIT FACILITY; RELEASING THE BID BOND; AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO THE SECOND LOW BIDDER, SHIRLEY BROTHERS, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TORRANCE SERVICE FACILITY AND THE TRANSIT FACILITY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-222. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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It was the request of Councilman Applegate that those UMTA personnel involved in this process, be invited to the groundbreaking.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. JTPA Contract with the Broadway Department Stores.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND
ATTEST A CONTRACT WITH THE BROADWAY
DEPARTMENT STORES

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-223. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. Spring 1984 Weed Abatement Program - Confirmation of Assessment Roll.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this is the time and place for the hearing on confirmation of the Spring 1984 Weed Abatement Program, showing the costs to be assessed to the property owners listed thereon.

The Affidavit of Posting was presented by the City Clerk, following which Councilman Applegate MOVED that it be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection.

Mayor Armstrong then invited comments from the audience. There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Bourbonnais requested that the subject report be corrected as follows: Parcel Number 4088-002-018 should correctly indicate an amount of \$54.00, rather than \$107.16, as shown.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve the report of the City Manager, as corrected. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE COST OF WEED ABATEMENT FOR SPRING 1984 (WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1984-85)

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-224. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. Renewal of Boiler and Machinery Insurance.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:

The City Manager and the Building and Safety Department recommend the City Council approve the renewal of the boiler and machinery insurance with Pacific Indemnity Insurance Company for the period July 31, 1984 to July 31, 1985, at an annual cost of \$9,818.00. Funds for this insurance have been included in the 1984-85 Budget.

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

17b. Waiving of Fees for Torrance Rotary Carnival.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager recommends that Your Honorable Body waive the carnival license fee for Torrance Rotary contingent upon payment of the safety inspection fee.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17c. Executive Session/Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

See Page 11.

17d. Renewal of Bus Physical Damage Insurance.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your Honorable Body approve the continuation of bus physical damage insurance with Fireman's Fund Group for 1984-85 at an annual premium of \$39,276. Funds have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 1984-85 Budget.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. Award of Contract: Pump System at Amie Avenue Sump
(B84-35).RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Pacific Machinery Corp. and the other bid be rejected and that \$25,000 be appropriated from Federal Revenue Sharing Contingency Funds (Budget 1983-84) to cover costs.

20b. Purchase of Disk Drives and Disk Drive Controller for VAX 11/780 Computer.RECOMMENDATION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body award a contract to System Industries as a sole source for the purchase and installation of these two SI-9751 disk drives and one SI-9900 controller in one Hi-boy cabinet utilizing a GSA Federal contract pricing schedule to price these units in the total amount of \$40,028.13 under GSA pricing schedule (GS-00K-84-1S55555).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, and 20b. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:21a. SB 2216 - Brown Act.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

The City Attorney recommends passage of the attached Resolution.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING SB 2216 AMENDING
THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-225. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate expressed appreciation for the excellent Staff work contributing to the successful Olympic Torch Run.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert also commended the efforts of City Staff with regard to the Torch Run -- "extremely well done," per Mrs. Geissert.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert shared "Greetings from China" from former City Councilman and present Planning Commissioner, George Brewster.

22d. Councilman Wirth commented on the excellent coverage by the Torrance Police Department of the Olympic Torch Run.

22e. Mayor Armstrong added his praise to the Torch Run activities, noting particularly Mr. Louis Zamperini's participation.

22f. Mr. Larry Gitschier, 1303 Acacia, advised of weeds on City property at 226th and Ocean Avenue.

22g. City Treasurer Rupert explained the procedure of the 1911 Act Assessment District as it might be applied to the undergrounding of utilities -- those citizens interested in such a procedure were invited to contact the City Treasurer's or City Engineer's Office.

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At 6:45 p.m., a 10-minute recess was called, followed immediately by an Executive Session. The Council returned at 7:30 p.m., to take action as indicated below.

17c. Executive Session:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved, by Minute Motion, to concur with the Police Captains in their recommended increases. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-226

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 POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-226. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-227

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 CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-227. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-228

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 MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 1117

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of
Resolution No. 84-228. This motion, seconded by Councilman
Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

23. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 p.m., the meeting was regularly adjourned.

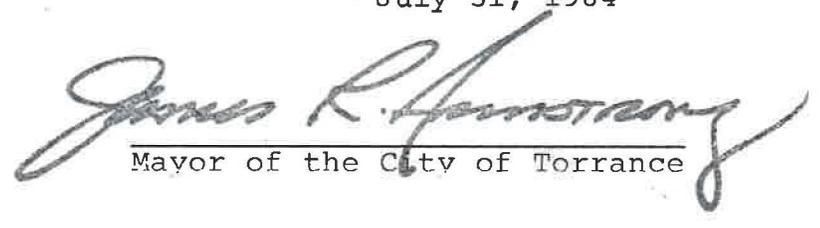
Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Judge Tom Fredricks
and Mr. Bob Johnson.

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Peggy Laverty
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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance