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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, August 14, 1984, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Walker.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Boy Scout Troop #310, James Gordon, Scoutmaster, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Jim Caso, South Bay Grace Community Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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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 Walker absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning and Design - to meet August 16, 1984,
4:30 p.m. - subject: Hillside Ordinance.

Request for continuance --

15b. V 84-2: Storm Industries.

Mayor Armstrong noted the request of Councilman Walker that the subject item be held for one week and was advised by Planning Associate Bihn of the proponent's concurrence with such a request.

See Page 5, for formal action continuing Item 15b.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. Sister City International Special Achievement Award.

Held until later in the meeting - see Page 10.

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At this point Ms. Mikko Haggott expressed her appreciation for the assistance received from the City of Torrance and particularly the Parks and Recreation Department during her recent involvement as a VIP escort during the Olympic Games.

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8b. Proclamation: "Get High on Yourself Day" - August 25, 1984.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. UMTA Grant Contract for Section 9 Transit Operating Assistance.RESOLUTION NO. 84-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION FOR TRANSIT
OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR FY 1983-84

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-237. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

10b. SB 821 Funding for FY 1984-85.RESOLUTION NO. 84-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY
FOR FY 1984-85 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FUNDS
AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SB-821 AND APPROVING
THE ADOPTION OF A CURB RAMPING PROGRAM
ALONG THE CABRILLO/VAN NESS BIKEWAY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-238. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

10c. Reduced Street Right-of-Way Requirement/232nd Street at Pennsylvania Avenue.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Your Honorable Body approve a reduced dedication for street purposes of 17' (plus additional as required for transition) as shown on the attached sketch, for 232nd Street at the northeast corner of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mayor Armstrong invited audience comments on this matter.

Mr. Jack Stephan, 2367 West 232nd Street, voiced his concerns regarding safety considerations due to the close proximity of the sidewalk to the street.

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Mrs. Dee Hardison, 2024 West 226th Street, president of SETHA, indicated concerns regarding sidewalk/curb configuration and overall safety considerations.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Armstrong, following a brief clarification by City Engineer Bourbonnais and City Attorney Remelmeyer, that this matter be held for one week to allow concerned citizens to meet with Staff prior to action being taken. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

- 11a. Award of Contracts: Purchase of new budgeted police computer assist dispatch system. (Ref Bid No. B84-40)
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| Total Expenditures: | |
| Hardware | \$ 50,771.82 |
| Software | \$ 78,000.00 |
| Total | \$128,771.82 |

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/POLICE CHIEF:

It is recommended that Council authorize the purchase of the budgeted new Police Computer Assist Dispatch System; award the following contracts and adopt the attached resolution.

- A. Hardware: Recommend Council award a contract to Hamilton Micro Systems to furnish the hardware in an amount not to exceed \$50,771.82 including tax.
- B. Software and Installation: Recommend Council award a contract to the Police Data Systems to furnish the necessary CAD software and install the system in the total amount of \$78,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-239

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH POLICE DATA SYSTEMS FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,000., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above Staff recommendation, and to adopt Resolution No. 84-239. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

11b. Ordinance Regulating Fire Lanes.ORDINANCE NO. 3114

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, ADDING SECTION 85.2.50
DEALING WITH FIRE LANES TO THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve Ordinance No. 3114, at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

15. HEARINGS:

Taken out of order at this time --

15b. V 84-2: Storm Industries.

Mayor Armstrong noted the previous request that this matter be held for one week (see Page 2).

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED to continue Agenda Item 15b., V 84-2, Storm Industries, to the City Council meeting of August 21, 1984. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano; and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Council now returned to --

15a. EA 84-11, CUP 84-24: GWF Power Systems Co. - Appeal of Mitigating Measure established by Environmental Review Board.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this is the time and place for the continued public hearing on the City Council consideration of an appeal of an Environmental Review Board decision to issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration on a proposal to construct a cogenerator (solid fuel) complex in the M-2 zone at the northeast corner of Van Ness Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard (EA 84-11, CUP 84-24: GWF Power Systems Co. - Paul Stiglic).

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

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate Woodward, it being noted that the concerns of GWF Power Systems involve the second mitigation measure which reads: "That the SCAQMD Permit to Construct be issued prior to processing the matter to the Planning Commission."

Mr. Matthew Pastell, Director of Engineering for GWF Power Systems, 17900 Skypark Drive, Irvine, detailed the concerns of his firm with the mitigation measure stated above, because of the delay in the planning process represented thereby.

It was Mr. Pastell's recommendation that this particular mitigation measure be rewritten to state: "That no Permit to Construct be granted until the SCAQMD Permit is in hand."

In response, City Engineer Bourbonnais outlined concerns of the Environmental Review Board that there could be major changes to the project dictated by the AQMD, thus the desire of the ERB that the Permit to Construct be issued prior to review by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Applegate suggested that the project might be conditioned to provide that any substantial differences represented by the issuance of the AQMD Permit require review by the City. Mr. Bourbonnais concurred with this recommendation.

During the continuing discussion, Councilman Wirth suggested that the Air Quality Management District be contacted by Staff in an effort to determine any data already generated regarding this project. Planning Associate Woodward agreed that the AQMD could be contacted in this regard, and further advised in response to an inquiry by Councilman Wirth that, to the best of her knowledge, the Permit must be issued by October to fall within the 6-month time limitation governing same.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak on this matter, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the appeal in order that the project may move forward, and to concur with the Environmental Review Board, modifying the second mitigation measure to require that any issuance of a Permit by the SCAQMD be reviewed by Staff for discrepancies which would affect the Planning decision.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and was subsequently AMENDED as indicated below.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that it should be stipulated that the question of whether or not there is a discrepancy in the plan as the result of the permit issued by the SCAQMD should be determined by the Planning Director. This stipulation was accepted as an AMENDMENT TO THE ABOVE MOTION by Councilman Applegate and by Councilman Mock.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert to deny the appeal and concur with the Environmental Review Board. The Substitute Motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Councilwoman Geissert pointed out that the SCAQMD Permit is scheduled for receipt in October (per Staff's understanding at this time), which will be in concert with the scheduling of this item for hearing before the Planning Commission, and that District report will, in Mrs. Geissert's opinion, provide important input for the Planning Commission's deliberations on the matter.

At this time, Councilman Wirth requested clarification as to whether or not the SCAQMD is REQUIRED to have the study completed in October (6 months after filing by GWF Power Systems).

A member of the audience requested permission to respond to this question, whereupon Councilwoman Geissert MOVED to REOPEN THE HEARING. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and carried without objection.

Mr. Barry McDonald, consultant for GWF, 28962 Corona, Mission Viejo, related his experience in dealing with SCAQMD staff and their apparent reluctance to release any information prior to their decision in the matter. Mr. McDonald further advised that, while the 6-month date from filing of the application is anticipated as a reasonable response deadline, there is no guarantee, nor is it a matter of law, that this time constraint be adhered to -- Mr. McDonald would deem October to be an optimistic deadline in this instance.

Councilman Applegate then moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried without objection by those present.

Councilman Wirth voiced his opinion that a continuance of this hearing in order to provide City Staff with an opportunity to contact SCAQMD staff might be in order.

Director of Transportation Horkay requested, at this point, that the fourth mitigation measure be modified to read: "That the truck access be approved by the Police and Transportation Departments." This modification was accepted as an AMENDMENT to the original motion by Councilmen Applegate and Mock, maker and seconder of the motion.

Councilman Applegate's motion, as twice amended, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

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15b. V 84-2: Storm Industries.

Continued to August 21, 1984 - see Page 5.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. Group W Cable, Inc. Presentation to Community Communications Production Consortium.

Mr. Larry Windsor, General Manager of Group W. Cable, 1511 Cravens Avenue, presented the following grants to members of the City's Community Communications Programming Center.

\$79,825 - Little Company of Mary Hospital
 \$ 9,032 - Southern California Regional Occupational Center
 \$ 7,682 - Torrance Historical Society
 \$38,250 - Bishop Montgomery High School
 \$13,132 - Switzer Center
 \$43,507 - Torrance Memorial Hospital Medical Center.

Mayor Armstrong commended Cable Television Administrator, Warren Carter, and Mr. Windsor for their efforts in the area of Cable Television for the City of Torrance.

17b. Executive Session - hours, wages and working conditions.

See Pages 10 and 11.

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At 8:02 p.m., the Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, and considered the following Council Agenda Item.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Item --

20a. Wheelchair Ramps at Various Locations
 (B84-34) - Award of Contract

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Meyer Constructors and all other bids be rejected; and that \$18,500 in SB 821 FUNDS and \$1,500 in GAS TAX FUNDS be appropriated.

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NOTE: Approximately \$10,000 of the expenditure will be in the Downtown Redevelopment area. A companion item on the Redevelopment Agency Agenda will assure that that expenditure will be recoverable from tax increments.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

The Joint Agency/Council meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m., and the Council resumed its regular agenda order, as follows.

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- 20b. Council Award of Contract - For the Purchase of Two Budgeted Paramedic Portable Emergency Medical Communication Systems - "Biophones" Direct from the Manufacturer, as a sole source purchase.
TOTAL EXPENDITURE: \$13,673.74.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/FIRE CHIEF:

Inasmuch as the replacement of two (2) existing units is imperative to the successful continuing operation of our paramedic service and is budgeted for, it is, therefore, recommended that Council authorize the purchase of these two Biophone units and award a contract to the sole source of supply, the manufacturer, Medical Communications and Instrumentation, Inc. of Canoga Park, in the total amount of \$13,673.74 including tax.

- 20c. Council Award of Contract - Purchase of Two Budgeted New Type Front Loader Refuse Trucks on "Cooperative" Purchase with the City of Los Angeles.
REF. L.A. BID NO. 6304
TOTAL EXPENDITURE: \$188,505.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT:

Council is requested to cancel the previous award of contract to International Harvester Company made July 10, 1984, and to authorize Torrance to participate on a City of Los Angeles Bid #6304 for the purchase of two (2) new front-load refuse trucks from the ENGS Motor Truck Company of Pico Rivera, California, in the amount of \$93,613.50 each including tax or \$187,227.00 total.

In addition, staff requests Council to authorize slight modifications to be made in the pickup bin to be more compatible for Torrance's operation for an additional cost of \$600.00 per unit, or \$1,200.00.

- 20d. Council Award of Contract - To Furnish and Install Chain Link Fencing with Gates at Torrance Airport.
REF. BID NO. B84-26
EXPENDITURE: \$15,944.19 Incl. Tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is recommended that Council award the contract to furnish and install chain link fencing and miscellaneous gates for Torrance Airport to the low responsible bidder, Mills Fencing Company of Bell Gardens, CA, in the anticipated amount of \$15,944.19 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20b, 20c, and 20d. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

At this time the Council returned to --

- 8a. Sister City International Special Achievement Award.

Mr. Dan Fichtner, representative of the Torrance Sister City Association, presented a plaque representing the Sister City International Special Achievement Award to Mayor Armstrong and members of the Council.

This award was gratefully received by Mayor Armstrong.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert warmly commended the Torrance Transit System for the outstanding bus service provided during the Olympics.

The Council now returned to --

- 17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:08 p.m., the Council recessed for purposes of an Executive Session regarding hours, wages and working conditions and pending litigation, returning at 8:40 p.m., to take the following action.

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RESOLUTION NO. 84-240

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS,
WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EXTERNALLY FUNDED AND LIMITED TENURE
EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD STARTING
JULY 8, 1984

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-240. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 84-241

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES,
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SAFETY
MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING
RESOLUTION NO. 84-235

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-241. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 84-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES,
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 5, 1984
TO JULY 31, 1985

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-242. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Walker absent).

23. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

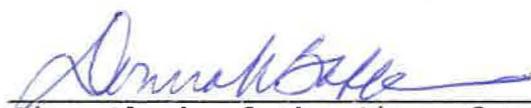
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance