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Adjournment was at 9:30 p.m. to September 25, 1984, 6:00 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty
Minute SecretaryCity Council
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DONNA M. BABB, CITY CLERK

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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, September 18, 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:

Water System Superintendent Bob O'Cain led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Richard Agozino, Branch of Hope Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of August 28, 1984, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, 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 Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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City Manager Jackson noted receipt of a request that Agenda Item 10a. (Encroachment Permit at 601 Paseo de la Playa) be continued. There being no objection, this matter was continued to the City Council meeting of October 2, 1984.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. Presentation to Toyooki Sonada.

Mayor Armstrong, assisted by Councilman Nakano, presented a plaque to Mr. Toyooki Sonoda in recognition of his outstanding success in placing third in the National Kendo Tournament. This award was gratefully accepted by Mr. Sonada.

8b. Presentation for 25 Years of Service to the City.

Mayor Armstrong presented watches in recognition of 25 years of service to the City of Torrance to Fire Chief Richard deYoung and Water Service Technician Fidel Herrera.

These veteran employees accepted, with sincere appreciation, these symbols of their dedicated service to the City.

8c. Proclamation - "Cystic Fibrosis Week", September 16 - 22.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8d. Resolution Commending Art Reeves.RESOLUTION NO. 84-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, COMMENDING ART REEVES ON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption
of Resolution No. 84-263. Her motion was seconded by Councilman
Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

8e. Proclamation - "Integrity Day", September 24, 1984.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

Considered out of order at this time --

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Clerk Babb read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 84-258

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, COMMENDING THE TORRANCE MOUNTED
POSSE FOR BEING GOODWILL AMBASSADORS, AND FOR
THEIR DISTINGUISHED YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of
Resolution No. 84-258. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman
Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

NOTE: The above Resolution was presented at the Council
meeting of September 11, 1984.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. Resolution re Joint Powers Agreement/Library Video Circuit.RESOLUTION NO. 84-264

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT
FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY VIDEO CIRCUIT

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-264. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

9b. Resolution re Agreement with Rose Float Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-265

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 ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION SHARING COST AND FOR FURNISHING LABOR NECESSARY FOR THE DECORATING OF A FLOAT IN THE 1985 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-265. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9c. Presentation of Rose Float Design.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Torrance Rose Float Association recommends the approval of the design, "Springtime in Yellowstone" and the contract with Wyoming Travel Commission and the float builders, C. E. Bent and Son, Inc.

Ms. Georgean Griswold, President of the Torrance Rose Float Association, presented, with the aid of slides, the proposed design "Springtime in Yellowstone" as the 1985 entry for the City of Torrance in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Ms. Griswold invited Council review and concurrence with the proposed design.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation for approval of the design, "Springtime in Yellowstone." His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Prior to roll call vote, Council discussion was directed to the possible future restructuring of the float sponsorship concept. It was the ultimate consensus that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Council might be formed to support the Rose Float Association in its efforts to obtain sponsorship for the City of Torrance entry. (See Agenda Item 9e, Page 5, for formal action).

Roll call vote on Councilman Applegate's above motion was unanimously favorable.

Considered at this time out of order --

- 9e. Resolution re Contract for 1985 Torrance Rose Float Entry.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-266

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND WYOMING TRAVEL COMMISSION AND C. E. BENT AND SON, INC., FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ENTRY, DISPLAY, AND OPERATION OF A FLOAT IN THE 1985 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-266. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved that an Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council be formed to work with the Rose Float Association in attempting to locate a sponsor for the 1986 entry of the City of Torrance in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Following further discussion, it was noted by Mayor Armstrong that the Committee will be appointed in an appropriate and timely manner in the future.

The Council now returned to --

- 9d. Joslyn Center Expansion Progress Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

With the projected growth in the cost of the project due to escalating costs of construction, we must step out now. Therefore, the City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director recommend that the Council:

- ° Concur in the implementation of a community outreach program that would explain the need, composition and financing aspects of the project.
- ° Direct that staff return to the City Council when final construction plans have been completed with a decision package on actual financing.

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Staff presentation was provided by Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett and by Recreation Programs Administrator Simpelaar.

During the ensuing discussion, Councilman Applegate reiterated his previously expressed concerns (as reflected in the Minority Committee Recommendation of record) and stressed that, prior to a firm commitment regarding a theater/arts complex, he would deem it absolutely essential that the Council be provided with information as to all long-term needs and commitments of the City, as well as a view of the overall feasibility of the subject undertaking.

It was further recommended by Councilman Applegate, with the general concurrence of the Council, that the success of the Norris Theater on the Peninsula be investigated by staff and that a tour of that facility be arranged.

The following action was taken.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the staff recommendation as set forth. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 6:55 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, recessing at 6:56 p.m., for purposes of a JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION.

At 7:44 p.m., the Council/Agency returned to the Council Chambers. There was no action taken, and the Joint Session was adjourned. The City Council then returned to its regular agenda order.

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9e. Considered earlier - see Page 5.

9f. Certified Farmers' Market.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that your Honorable Body take no action to implement a Certified Farmers' Market at this time, but direct staff to explore the feasibility of a charter bus service to take participants to an established farmers' market in a neighboring city.

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Available options also include:

- ° - Accept and file the report for future review but do not implement the Farmers' Market at this time.
- ° Direct staff to go forward in establishing a Certified Farmers' Market Program and return in a timely manner to your Honorable Body with a decision package regarding funding requirements, location and implementation timetable.

Staff presentation was provided by Administrative Specialist Terese Condon, with additional clarification provided by Mr. Vance Merrill-Corum, Direct Marketing Specialist with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and Ms. Ramona Cortez, Assistant Coordinator with the Southland Farmers' Market Association.

Concurrence with the concept of a Farmers' Market was expressed by Councilwoman Geissert, who then voiced her opposition to consideration of implementing a charter bus service to such markets in neighboring cities. Mrs. Geissert recommended that the public be invited to participate in a search for a suitable site in the City of Torrance, the old downtown area being ideal, in her opinion. Further exploration of Wilson Park and the old Pacific Electric Depot were recommended by Mrs. Geissert, who offered the following --

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to continue to explore the possibility of a Farmers' Market in the City of Torrance with the City serving as a facilitator for the project -- that public meetings be arranged and widely advertised to pursue the matter -- that other site locations be explored and interested citizens be enlisted in this effort -- and that the possibility of forming a Farmers' Market Association be explored with the interested public, with the results of that exploration brought back to the City Council for further consideration.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, who commented that, in his opinion, a park site would not be appropriate. Mr. Walker recommended that a street be closed off for a given period of time each week with ancilliary parking made available.

Roll call on Councilwoman Geissert's above motion proved unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. Encroachment at 601 Paseo de la Playa.

Continued to October 2, 1984, without objection.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. Resolution re Plans Examiner.RECOMMENDATION:

The Civil Service Commission, City Management and the Torrance Inspection and Enforcement Association recommend that your Honorable Body approve the new class specification for Plans Examiner and adopt the attached Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding establishing the salary range.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 84-267

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 TIEA AMENDING
RESOLUTION 84-182

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-267. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:15a. D 84-14, Jess Negrete.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing in consideration of an appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Division of Lot to create two parcels in the R-1 zone at 17827 Van Ness Avenue (D 84-14, Jess Negrete).

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Following lengthy discussion, the Planning Commission, at its meeting of August 1, 1984, approved Division of Lot 84-14 subject to conditions by way of a 4-2 vote (Commissioner Brewster absent). The Planning Commission recommends denial of the appeal and approval of D 84-14 with conditions.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Department concurs with the Planning Commission recommendation.

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Mr. Jess Negrete, 4231 181st Street, described the proposed lot division and noted that the proposed configuration, including access easement across Parcel 2, was submitted in an attempt to preserve the existing house and to accommodate the City's recommendation that access not be from Van Ness for safety reasons.

Councilman Mock indicated his concerns regarding the type of access easement proposed and the resultant smaller buildable area of Parcel 2.

Councilwoman Geissert questioned the applicant's ability and willingness to accommodate access to Parcel 1 from Van Ness which would necessitate redesign of the garage structure on that parcel. Mr. Negrete advised that, while he could not offer a firm response without further study, he would deem such redesign as very difficult and one which would necessitate demolishing the existing garage and existing family room.

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

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the Planning Department/Commission recommendation for denial of the appeal and approval of D 84-14. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Prior to roll call vote Councilman Wirth noted his concerns regarding the driveway access and lot size which, in his opinion, would cause some density problems in the neighborhood.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was then offered by Councilman Wirth to grant the appeal and deny D 84-14. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Mayor Armstrong stated his opinion that this is a unique problem and he would concur with what the proponent is attempting to accomplish in terms of ingress/egress, retention and restoration of the existing structure, etc.

Councilwoman Geissert indicated that she would support the substitute motion for denial of the proposed lot split because of the proposed easement off of 179th Street and the resultant decrease in the size of Parcel 2. Mrs. Geissert would prefer access from Van Ness and expressed her opinion that the project as now proposed results in a "chopped up" appearance and creates a very "patchwork" effect.

The above SUBSTITUTE MOTION to grant the appeal and deny the lot split FAILED TO CARRY as indicated below:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Mock and Wirth.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Nakano, Walker and Mayor Armstrong.

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The MAIN MOTION for denial of the appeal and approval of the lot split carried as indicated by the following roll call vote.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Nakano, Walker and Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Mock and Wirth.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. Resolution re PP 83-76, Roy L. Stinnett.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-268

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH INCLUDES A WAIVER OF CODE REQUIRED STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF AN EXISTING NONCONFORMING OIL WELL ON THE EAST SIDE OF WALNUT STREET AT 236TH STREET
PP 83-76: ROY L. STINNETT (PETER L. LACOMBE, ATTORNEY IN FACT)

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-268. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried as indicated below:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

17b. Proposition 36 (Jarvis IV) - Impact on City of Torrance.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY MANAGER:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body:

Oppose the passage of Proposition 36 on the basis that:

- It would adversely impact the finances and future operations of the general City services;
- It would have a devastating impact on Water Department finances and future capital improvements;
- It would further infringe on local control.

Staff presentation was provided by Administrative Specialist Debra Kurita, followed by Council action as reflected below.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the City Council of the City of Torrance take a position in opposition to Proposition 36 (Jarvis IV) on the November ballot. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Bill Shurmer, Vice-President of Governmental Relations for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Board of Directors for the Chamber voted unanimously to adopt a resolution in opposition to Proposition 36.

17c. Executive Session re Litigation.

See Page 13.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. Award of Contract - Cable Television Production Equipment.
 Ref: Bid No. 84-51
 Total Expenditure: \$42,013.95 (Including Tax)
 Source of Funding: Group W Equipment Grant

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER/CABLE TELEVISION ADMINISTRATOR:

(Award to lowest responsible bidder for each item)

1. Items 7 and 19 be awarded to American Video Systems of Fullerton, California, in the amount of \$4,501.76 (price includes tax).
2. Items 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 20 be awarded to Center Video Center of Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$14,189.00 (price includes tax).
3. Items 4, 17, and 18 be awarded to Eduational Electronics Corporation of Inglewood, California, in the amount of \$4,699.53 (price includes tax).
4. Items 1, 6, 8, 9, and 10 be awarded to Telaudio of Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$18,623.66 (price includes tax).

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- 20b. Award of Contract - Purchase of Telescoping Crane Mounted on Diesel Truck with Flatbed Stake Body
 Ref: Bid No. B84-44
 Expenditure: \$74,571.18

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

It is recommended that inasmuch as the unit bid by the Great Pacific Equipment Inc. Company complies with our bid specifications, it is recommended that Council award them the contract for the unit bid in the total amount of \$74,571.18, including tax.

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.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 3.

22b. Councilman Applegate noted his attendance, along with Councilman Wirth, at a recent ceremony at West High School for receipt of the Exemplary School Flag. Mr. Applegate advised that the guest of honor at this assembly was Ms. Paula Weishoff, a 1980 graduate of West High, who was a member of the American Olympic Volleyball Team.

22c. Councilman Mock commended the Torrance Police Department for the notable decline in the crime rate in this City as was reported in a recent Los Angeles Times article.

22d. Councilman Wirth requested Council support of Mayor Jacki Bacharach of Rancho Palos Verdes and Councilwoman Chris Reed of Santa Monica in their reelection as LA County/Cities representatives on the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. Councilman Wirth also requested support for his own election to the alternate post on that Commission.

Councilwoman Geissert voiced her support of Mr. Wirth in this endeavor and encouraged Council and staff efforts on his behalf. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

22e. City Clerk Babb related her recent tour of the NORAD facility, deeming it an "enlightening experience."

22f. Mayor Armstrong echoed Councilman Mock's commendation of the Police Department.

The Mayor praised Mr. Ralph Ishmael and the Garage maintenance personnel for their outstanding driver/maintenance records.

Kudos were extended by Mayor Armstrong to Ms. Terese Condon and Ms. Debbie Kurita for their outstanding presentations at this meeting.

17c. Executive Session re Litigation.

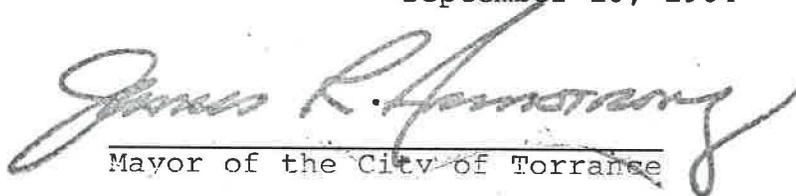
At 8:55 p.m. the Council recessed to Executive Session, returning at 9:30 p.m. for adjournment to 6:00 p.m., September 25, 1984.

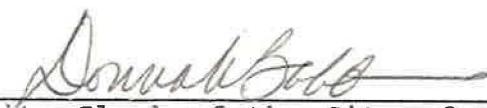
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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance