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Adjournment was at 9:05 p.m.

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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, October 9, 1984, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilmember Applegate.

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:

Mayor Armstrong provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Geissert moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of September 18, 1984, as recorded. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

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6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilwoman Geissert 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 Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Ad Hoc Committee - Tuesday, October 23, 1984, 5:00 p.m.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. Presentation to Participants in Olympic Activities.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the City Council, to members of the community who had participated in the 1984 Olympic activities. These certificates were received, with appreciation, by the individuals so recognized.

8b. Presentation of Olympic Banners.

Mayor Armstrong presented, on behalf of his colleagues on the Council, Olympic Banners for each of the Torrance Schools to Dr. Paul Mackey, Director of Personnel Services for the Torrance Unified School District; and to Ms. Janet Paine for the Torrance Historical Society.

These mementos were accepted with sincere appreciation by Dr. Mackey and Ms. Paine.

8c. Presentation to Mr. Jean McGrew.

A plaque in recognition of his years of dedicated community service as a member of the Civil Service Commission was presented to Mr. Jean McGrew by Mayor Armstrong.

8d. Presentation to Council of "Historic Torrance."

Captain James Weyant, President of the Torrance Historical Society, presented, on behalf of the Historical Society and Legends Press, to the people of Torrance, Copy #1 of the publication "Historic Torrance."

This outstanding publication was received with sincere appreciation by the Mayor and members of the Council.

8e. Proclamation - "Disabled Artists Week."

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. Vandalism Task Force "Youth Awareness Presentation."RECOMMENDATION OF VANDALISM TASK FORCE:

The Task Force asks the consent of Your Honorable Body to proceed with this project and continue further efforts to reduce vandalism in our City.

Following staff presentation by Vandalism Task Force Chairman, Mr. Tom Roberts, the Council commended the Task Force members for their efforts in initiating a positive approach to this serious problem in the City.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. Approval of Tract No. 41643.

Subdivider: F.A.B. Industries

Location: Skypark Redevelopment Project

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Final Tract Map No. 41643 be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Applegate).

10b. Resolution re Sewer Fees - Madrona Marsh.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body find that the intent of the Development Agreement is to render the land which will comprise the Madrona Marsh undevelopable; and that, therefore, there is no benefit to said land by the existence of the trunk sewer lines in Sepulveda and Madrona. Adoption of the attached RESOLUTION will waive the fees as to the Park Del Amo developers.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Attorney. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 84-277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING FINDINGS CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF THE LAND LYING BETWEEN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, MADRONA AVENUE, MONTEREY STREET AND MAPLE AVENUE, KNOWN AS THE MADRONA MARSH; AND DECLARING THAT SAID LAND IS NOT BENEFITED BY THE PRESENCE OF TRUNK SEWER LINES ALONG THE WEST AND SOUTH BOUNDARIES; AND WAIVING THE PAYMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT FEES

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-277. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

10c. Wall Encroachments into Street Right-of-Way at 601 Paseo de la Playa.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That, as identified on attached Sketch "C", walls at 601 Paseo de la Playa be lowered to 36" maximum in height except that the pilasters be lowered to 48" maximum in height.

Staff presentation was provided by City Engineer Bourbonnais, following which Mayor Armstrong invited input from the audience.

First to speak was Attorney Robert Welbourn, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, appearing on behalf of Mr. George Rusher, 605 Paseo de la Playa. Mr. Welbourn outlined his client's proposed request

for modification of his neighbor's wall construction, as follows:

Front wall - 35"
 Side wall adjacent to Mr. Rusher's property - 35"
 North wall adjacent to Mr. Eadie's driveway - 40"-42"
 North property line wall - 35"
 Pilasters at Rusher property line - 38"; all others - 42".

Mr. Welbourn also expressed concern that appropriate controls be placed on any planting to be placed in the area inside the wall so as not to obstruct the line-of-sight for his client; safety, as well as aesthetics being of primary concern.

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Representing the proponent, Mr. Eadie, was Mr. Richard Lyman, Attorney, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, who noted his client's proposed modification to the construction (per Sketch "B") as follows:

Front wall - 35"
 South wall at Rusher property line - 38"
 Pilaster at Rusher corner - 44"; in middle - 58"; at northerly property line - 62".

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Recapping the City's position, as indicated in the City Engineer's RECOMMENDATION previously stated (see Page 4), City Engineer Bourbonnais noted the following:

Front wall - 35" to concur with the above recommendations; originally stated as 36"
 All walls outside the 45° line-of-sight distance - 36"
 Pilasters - 48".

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Mr. Tom Eadie, 601 Paseo de la Playa (proponent in this case) addressed the Council regarding the proposed pilaster height, explaining that the hill contour should be taken into consideration as it would affect the appearance of the pilasters from an architectural standpoint.

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Councilman Walker deemed Mr. Eadie's proposed compromise as set forth by his attorney (see Page 5) as a reasonable one, and, therefore, MOVED for its approval as presented. This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve the following height modifications at 601 Paseo de la Playa:

Front wall - no higher than 35"
 South side wall in the 8-foot portion which encroaches in
 the public right of way - 35"
 Pilaster on the south corner - 44".

Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

Councilman Wirth referenced the Committee's recommendation relative to Code specified wall height maximums, as reflected in staff material of record, and offered the following --

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved that staff be directed to consider appropriate Code modification in line with fence height restrictions in front yards as noted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

Councilwoman Geissert noted her concerns regarding planting height controls, and it was suggested by Mayor Armstrong that Mr. Eadie present a landscaping plan to the City for review prior to any planting. Mr. Eadie's attorney, Mr. Lyman, concurred with this request on behalf of his client. There were no objections, and it was so ordered (Councilman Applegate absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. Resolution re Supplemental MOU for TCEA.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-278

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
 CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN
 CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND
 WORKING CONDITION FOR EMPLOYEES
 REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES
 ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 84-181

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for adoption of Resolution No. 84-278. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

15. HEARINGS:

15a. PP 84-10, Margaret R. Moody.

Mayor Armstrong announced that the matter of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of PP 84-10, Margaret R. Moody, has been WITHDRAWN, and inquired if there were anyone present in the audience to hear the item.

There being no response, Councilman Wirth MOVED to concur with the proponent's request that Item 15a. be withdrawn. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. Resolution re CUP 84-19, Interstate Consolidated Industries.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-279

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CAR STEREO BUSINESS WITH ON-SITE INSTALLATION IN THE C-3 PP ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD
CUP 84-19: INTERSTATE CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-279. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried as indicated by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Mock, Nakano, Walker, and Mayor Armstrong.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Geissert.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Wirth (reasons of record).
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Applegate

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17b. Resolution re Destruction of Unneeded City Records.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-280

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-280. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

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

See Page 13.

17d. Resolution re Contract with Professional Codifier.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-281

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BOOK PUBLISHING COMPANY FOR MAINTAINING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-281. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Applegate).

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES.

18a. Ordinance No. 3120.

ORDINANCE NO. 3120

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 51.7.9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING BOARD OF THREE MEMBERS FOR AIRCRAFT NOISE VIOLATIONS AND PROVIDING THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3120 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT:

Rewiring of traffic signal system
Maple and Sepulveda Blvds.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

S & W Electrical Contractors has done this type of work for the City in the past and the Transportation Department staff has been pleased with the quality of their work. It is therefore staff's recommendation that Council award a contract to the low bidder, S & W Electrical Contractors, of Maywood, California, in the total amount of \$5,927.00 to perform the work.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT:

Purchase of radio spectrum testing monitor.
Ref. Bid No. 84-57
Expenditure: \$7,268.63

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract for the purchase of the budgeted radio spectrum testing monitor to the low bidder, The Cushman Electronic Company, Inc. of San Jose, California, in the total amount of \$7,268.63.

20c. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE:

Two Police Service Dogs from Alderhorst Kennels.
Expenditure: \$5,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/POLICE CHIEF:

It is recommended that Council authorize the purchase of the two (2) requested replacement Police Service Dogs from the sole known source, the Alderhorst Kennels of Riverside, California in the total amount of \$5,000.00

Funding for the purchase is available in the Police Department budget.

20d. AWARD OF CONTRACT:

Purchase and installation of one 414 mb disk drive on City's central computer utilizing Federal G.S.A. contract pricing.

(Ref. G.S.A. Contract No. 6S-00K-84-1S 5555)

Total Expenditure: \$13,598.88 Equipment and Freight
\$ 660.00 Installation

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RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that Your Honorable Body authorize the award of contract to System Industries for the purchase and installation of this disk drive utilizing a Federal G.S.A. contract pricing to price this unit in the total amount of \$13,598.88 plus installation and service at \$660.00.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, 20c, and 20d. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:21a. Waiver of Carnival Fees - Jaycees.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager recommends denial of the Torrance Jaycees' request for waiving of carnival fees and requests that staff review and update the current ordinance governing carnival fees.

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

NOTE: Agenda Item 21a was reconsidered - see Page 11.

21b. Relocation of Portable Classrooms from Carl Steel School Site.

Purchasing Agent White recommended that the Council appropriate a sum not to exceed \$10,000, from the Parks and Recreation Facilities Fund for the purpose of relocating portable classrooms from the Carl Steel School site to a temporary location in the La Romeria Park. Mr. White advised that the City will then proceed under the established Public Bid process to provide for the ultimate relocation of these buildings to permanent sites within the City.

By way of further clarification and in response to concerns expressed by Councilwoman Geissert, Mr. White advised that the entire process, including relocation onto permanent foundations, would be accomplished within approximately 30 days. The temporary location for the buildings will be appropriately fenced for security and safety purposes, per Mr. White.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur in the recommendation of staff for the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the Parks and Recreation Facilities Fund for the temporary relocation of the Carl Steel classroom buildings.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

The Council now returned to --

21a. Waiver of Carnival Fees - Jaycees.

Councilman Wirth expressed concerns regarding the impact on the Jaycees of the Council's earlier denial of their request for waiver of carnival fees (see Page 10). Mr. Wirth pointed out that these fees have been customarily waived in the past, and the action taken -- without benefit of thorough study and adequate warning to the organization involved -- might be worthy of reconsideration.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to reconsider earlier City Council action on Agenda Item 21a, Waiver of Carnival Fees for the Torrance Jaycees. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

Council discussion ensued, it being the ultimate consensus that the waiver of fees in this particular instance should be granted, pending review of the overall matter.

The following action was then taken.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to waive the carnival fees for the Torrance Jaycees as requested, and, further, that the matter be forwarded to the Finance Committee of the City Council for study.

His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

Mayor Armstrong instructed staff that the above action is to be interpreted as requiring waiver of those fees which have been waived in the past, and acceptance of those fees which have been accepted in the past (the safety inspection fee is to be required).

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At 8:24 p.m., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the regular Council agenda at 8:25 p.m.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert commended all responsible for the Historic Torrance publication, an outstanding achievement!

22b. Councilman Walker requested a staff study regarding the franchising of commercial trash hauling in the City of Torrance. It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that the study include an investigation of timely handling of pickups following the placement of bins at curbside.

22c. Councilman Wirth announced that he was unsuccessful in his recent efforts to obtain a position as Alternate on the County Transportation Commission, and expressed his appreciation to Councilwoman Geissert for her efforts in his behalf.

Mrs. Geissert praised Councilman Wirth for his commendable presentation before the League.

22d. Mayor Armstrong requested an update from staff regarding the status of Carson Street from Crenshaw Boulevard to Maple Avenue. The Mayor also requested a report on the Prairie-Madrona overpass landscaping project, with timely notification to Council when the matter might appropriately be brought to the attention of members of the Legislature.

22e. Mayor Armstrong noted the official designation, this date, of the old City Hall as Historic Building No. 3, and the Marcelina Post Office as Historic Building No. 4 -- on October 13, per Mayor Armstrong, the old Torrance Memorial Hospital will officially be designated Historic Building No. 5. Mayor Armstrong requested that staff investigate means of protecting the integrity of the historical designation on such buildings. Staff will return with a report.

22f. Mr. Ben Spordi(?) approached the podium with his young son and requested certification from Mayor Armstrong in support of his son's efforts to earn his Community Badge in the Boy Scouts of America. The Mayor graciously responded to this request.

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The Council returned to --

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:35 p.m., the Council recessed for purposes of an Executive Session to consider hours, wages and working conditions, returning at 9:02 p.m., to take the following action.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-282

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED AND LIMITED TENURE EMPLOYEES AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 84-240

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-282. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

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City Manager Jackson noted the City Manager's recommendation that the Building Maintenance Division of the Building and Safety Department be moved to the Purchasing Division of the Finance Department on a temporary basis, as a matter of reorganization.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

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RESOLUTION NO. 84-283

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 MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 84-209

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-283. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

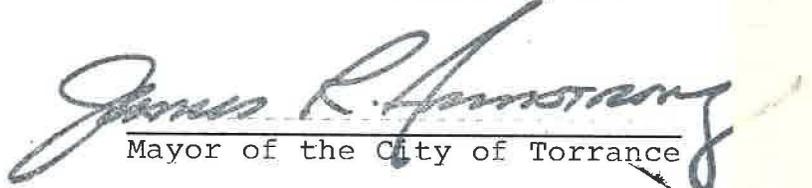
At 9:05 p.m., the meeting was regularly adjourned.

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Peggy Laverty
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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance