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Adjournment was at 7:50 p.m.

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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, November 27, 1984, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilmembers Mock, Walker and Wirth (in attendance at National League of Cities).

Also present: City Manager Jackson and staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Ms. Kelly Tynen led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Rev. Myrtle Caliva, Riviera United Methodist Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

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,

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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 (Councilmen Mock, Walker and Wirth absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee - met November 26, 1984 - to meet again in two weeks.

Citizen Development and Enrichment - to meet December 5, 1984.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with sadness, the passing of Ms. Carolyn Kragh, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. Proclamation declaring November 26 - December 21 as "Toys for Tots Month."

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8b. Presentation by Torrance Traditional Artists' Guild.

A painting by artist, Aileen Willingham, was presented to the City by the Torrance Traditional Artists' Guild. There was grateful acceptance by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. Resolution re Dial-A-Lift Agreement with Redondo Beach and Lomita.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-317

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT EXTENDING THE DIAL-A-LIFT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH REDONDO BEACH AND LOMITA FOR ONE YEAR

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-317. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock, Walker and Wirth absent).

10b. Appeal of Street Improvement Requirements 3764 - 244th Street.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Engineer Bourbonnais provided background information on the subject property at 244th Street and Neece Avenue, and the request of the owner/developer for waiver of the Code required street improvements. Mr. Bourbonnais explained that, as allowed by Code, the City Engineer has waived the street improvement requirements on Neece Avenue; however, only the City Council has the authority to waive the requirements on 244th Street with the finding of unusual circumstances. This, in Mr. Bourbonnais' opinion, could be established because of the extraordinary costs involved in moving electric poles and fire hydrants.

The matter was addressed by City Attorney Remelmeyer, who suggested that the "granting of an exception" might be considered by the Council in this instance, rather than the granting of a waiver, in that the legal requirements for the exception are fulfilled; however, such action would necessitate a recommendation from the Planning Commission prior to Council action. It was further suggested by Mr. Remelmeyer that, if an exception is granted to the subject lot, there also be Council consideration of other properties in the vicinity similarly situated.

The proponent, Mr. Tom Shukay, 3419 Bayview, Manhattan Beach, owner of the property at 3764 - 244th Street, presented his case with the aid of transparencies; submitted a petition containing

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some 65 signatures opposing installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks at the subject location; and read aloud correspondence (of record) from Mrs. Elsie Pestoff, a resident of the area, voicing strong opposition to the installation of street improvements. Mr. Shukay requested an indication from the audience as to those in favor of waiving the street improvement requirements for the subject property -- there was considerable response.

The following Council action was taken.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the action of the City Engineer in waiving the requirement for street improvements on Neece Avenue at the subject location. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock, Walker and Wirth absent).

It was further recommended by Councilman Applegate that the matter of street improvements on 244th Street at the subject location be referred to the Planning Commission in a routine manner. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Mayor Armstrong requested that this matter of 244th Street be handled in a timely manner, with any additional fees waived for the proponent.

By way of final action --

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to direct that the history of the question of street improvements in the Walteria area be submitted to the Planning Commission with the request that they, in conjunction with the City Attorney's office, take whatever steps necessary to prepare the matter for final Council action. Councilwoman Geissert seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Mock, Walker and Wirth absent).

Recapping the Council's position, Mayor Armstrong noted the following observations:

- ° The request for deletion of the street improvement requirements on 244th Street is a valid one;
- ° The rural character of the area is unique and should be preserved;
- ° Under the existing rules, the City Engineer acted appropriately in granting a waiver for the Neece frontage of Mr. Shukay's property;
- ° Per the City Attorney, Planning Commission recommendation is required prior to Council action on 244th Street;

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- ° The Planning Commission has been directed to consider 244th Street as a routine matter;
- ° Staff will work with Mr. Shukay to handle his request in a timely manner; and,
- ° The entire rural area of WALTERIA is again to be reviewed at the earliest possible time to assure that the kinds of things the residents desire are preserved.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. Resolution re PERS Insurance Plan for Torrance Fire Fighters Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-318

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 84-200

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-318. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Mock, Walker and Wirth absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 84-319

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 84-319. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock, Walker and Wirth absent).

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. Ordinance No. 3123.ORDINANCE NO. 3123

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 30 OF DIVISION 9
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3123, at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock, Walker and Wirth absent).

18b. Ordinance No. 3126.ORDINANCE NO. 3126

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, AMENDING ARTICLE 41 OF CHAPTER 1,
DIVISION 9, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE,
RELATED TO THE HILLSIDE AND LOCAL COASTAL
OVERLAY ZONE, CLARIFYING SOME OF THE PROVISIONS,
ADDING A SECTION DEALING WITH LOT WIDTHS,
DELETING CERTAIN PROVISIONS, AND RENUMBERING
CERTAIN OF THE SECTIONS

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3126, at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. Award of Contract - Re: Purchase of Budgeted 28-foot
Manned Aerial Lift.
REF. BID NO. B84-66
EXPENDITURE: \$35,606.23

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/EQUIPMENT AND STREET
MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENTS:

It is recommended that Council accept the single bid received for the unit and authorize the award of a contract for the Versa-Lift unit to the California Truck Equipment Company, Inc. of Downey in the total amount of \$35,606.23 including tax.

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- 20b. Award of Contract - To Furnish Annual Requirements for Miscellaneous Dry Cell Batteries.
 REF. BID NO. B84-63
 Anticipated Expenditure: \$9,286.93 including tax

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is recommended that Council award an annual contract for the furnishing of the City's annual requirements of Dry Cell Batteries to the low bidder, Battery Specialties Company of Long Beach, California, in the total amount of \$9,286.93, including tax.

- 20c. Award of Contract: Purchase and Installation of Memory Upgrade Kit with Cabinet on City's Central Computer.
 REF. BID NO. B84-65
 EXPENDITURE: \$34,897.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body authorize the award of contract to GMS Computer Systems Company for the purchase and installation of the required memory upgrade kit with cabinet in the total amount of \$34,897.00 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 (Councilmen Mock, Walker and Wirth absent).

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At 7:45 p.m., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 7:46 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate congratulated the Parks and Recreation and Transportation Departments for their outstanding work on the Turkey Trot 5K Run. These sentiments were echoed by Mr. Applegate's fellow Councilmembers.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert announced the installation of a "can tree" in the City Hall lobby -- canned goods are to be distributed to families in need, and interested members of the community were invited to participate.

22c. Mayor Armstrong announced that the annual Rose Ball will be Saturday, December 1st.

Adjournment, at 7:50 p.m., was dedicated to the memory of Ms. Carolyn Kragh.

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James R. Armstrong

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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City Clerk of the City of Torrance