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Adjournment was at 8:26 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty
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, January 21, 1986, 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, City Attorney Remelmeyer, Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Ms. Sharon Steinel led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Pastor Chris Hooker, Calvary Chapel.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of December 17, 1985, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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5. 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. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RECOGNITION OF WEST HIGH ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM:

Members of West High School's Academic Decathlon Team were introduced by Mayor Armstrong and presented with plaques in recognition of their outstanding achievement. Letters of commendation were also presented to members of staff associated with this fine effort.

8b. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 22, 1986, as "SCHOOL NURSE DAY."

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. RESURFACE/RESTRIPE RUNWAY 29R/11L:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$435,417.00 FOR RESURFACING THE MAIN RUNWAY AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-12. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, voiced his opinion that additional consideration should be given to the subject at hand in the following specific areas:

- (1) FAA vs. CalTrans approach regarding resurfacing;
- (2) Maintaining present width, length and loadbearing capacity;
- (3) Financing of Airport maintenance projects.

Mr. Greene recommended --

- (1) That the FAA recommendations regarding resurfacing be considered;
- (2) That the load limit be lowered from 20,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds;
- (3) That collection of a landing fee be instituted.

Following response and clarification by staff, a brief Council discussion ensued. It was the request of Councilman Wirth that information regarding the question of landing fees and the Airport Commission's earlier consideration of same, be forwarded to the Council.

Roll call vote on Councilwoman Geissert's motion to adopt Resolution 86-12 was unanimously favorable.

10b. EXPANSION OF MUNICIPAL REFUSE COLLECTION:

RECOMMENDATION OF STREET SUPERINTENDENT:

It is the recommendation of the Street Department that your Honorable Body conduct a public hearing on February 4, 1986 for the purpose of obtaining public opinion on expanding municipal refuse collection to include three and four unit dwellings on a single lot. It is further recommended that the public hearing take place after 7:00 p.m. in order that the maximum number of interested parties can attend.

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

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. SIGN APPEAL S71-49 - THRIFTY DRUG STORE:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for a hearing in the matter of a sign appeal of S71-49, Thrifty Drug Store, Rolling Hills Plaza.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

The Commission recommends that your Honorable Body deny the appeal. While the request to deviate from sign color scheme may seem minor in this case, if granted, the precedent can make it difficult to deny other requests for sign logo colors. The Commission finds the sign element an outstanding feature of the refurbishment of this center. Sign color is a unifying factor for the sign program.

BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that all copy in the tail of the "Y" be denied, thus preventing any color deviation from the white copy. Sign design and color is not entirely consistent for Thrifty signs. Thrifty is identified on the ground signs on the perimeter of the development with red as the main copy and white as a minor copy and it has also been observed that in other cities the sign contains white and black copy. In some instances the sign is designed without any copy in the tail of the "Y".

Following staff presentation by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy, Mayor Armstrong invited the proponent to address the Council on the subject appeal.

Mr. Jim Barthe, Vice President of Real Estate for Thrifty Corporation, provided background information and requested that they be allowed to retain the words "Drug and Discount Store" in red in the tail of the "Y" of "Thrifty".

Noting his concurrence with the recommendation of the Commission, Councilman Walker offered the following --

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission recommendation to DENY the appeal, allowing the present sign with modification of the red lettering to blue lettering in the bar of the "Y".

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

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 85-57, BOB'S BIG BOY RESTAURANT:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an appeal of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the on-premise consumption of beer and wine and the construction of an addition to an existing restaurant in the C-2 zone at 18120 Hawthorne Boulevard (BOB'S BIG BOY RESTAURANT, CUP 85-57).

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

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate Gibson, who noted that the Planning Commission recommends denial of the appeal and approval of the project with retention of the appealed condition: "That a means to preclude ingress and egress from an existing driveway easement to 182nd Street shall be implemented." The Planning Department, per Mr. Gibson, recommends approval of the appeal and approval of the project with deletion of the appealed condition.

Mr. Doug Warren, Legal Counsel and Director of Property Development for Bob's Big Boy, 1001 East Colorado Street, Glendale, clarified the height of an existing wall east of the driveway to be three feet for a distance of approximately ten feet from the sidewalk, rather than six feet in height as was stated during the Planning Commission consideration of this item.

The appealed Condition #13, as imposed by the Planning Commission, which would preclude ingress and egress from an existing driveway on 182nd Street, was next reviewed by Mr. Warren, who stressed the need for access to that street -- thus their request for deletion of that condition.

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Discussion continued regarding the original Condition #13, as imposed by the Planning Department, dealing with reciprocal easements with adjacent property to the south NOT owned by the applicant in this case. The need for additional documentation clearly specifying the City's intent regarding future easement requirements on this southerly parcel (at the time of requested modification to that parcel) was pointed out by Councilman Applegate.

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the Planning Department recommendation, adding a note as far as the disclosure to the property owner is concerned. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At Mayor Armstrong's request, City Clerk Babb read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING RESTAURANT IN THE C-2 ZONE AT 18120 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
CUP 85-57: BOB'S BIG BOY RESTAURANT

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-13, as amended. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY:

At the direction of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb read title to --

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RESOLUTION NO. 86-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACKNOWLEDGING
THE RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE ANNUAL
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR
THE YEAR 1986

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-14. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 12 and 13.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3161:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb read title to --

ORDINANCE NO. 3161

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 6 OF
DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE
DESIGNATING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS THE
ADMINISTERING AGENCY FOR A STATE-MANDATED
HAZARDOUS WASTE INVENTORY AND
EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3161, at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. INVESTMENT REPORT - Months of September and October 1985:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TREASURER:

It is recommended that the Council receive the attached investment report for information only.

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20b. SALE OF THREE (3) ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES TO HIGHEST BIDDERS. Units #7188, #7243, #7246.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that Council approve of the following sales:

1. The sale of Unit #7243 to Mr. Jerry Katzen of Torrance in the amount of \$5,302.02.
2. The sale of Unit #7246 to Ms. Mollie Lee Perillo of Torrance in the amount of \$5,125.00.

AND

That Council authorize the sale of Unit #7188 (for which the City received no bids) at the next Ken Porter Auction sale.

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - for the purchase and installation of warehouse shelving and equipment required for both the NEW City Yard Transit and City Services facilities.

REF. BID NO: B86-4 and B86-5

EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION:

B86-4	Transit Facility	\$ 17,363.93
B86-5	City Services Facility	\$102,511.03

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award contracts for the purchase and installation of warehouse shelving and equipment as shown in the bid summary to Engineered Storage Systems, Inc. of Industry, CA. and Burroughs Storage Equipment Division of Lear Siegler, Inc. of Cerritos, CA. in the total amounts shown below:

<u>Bid B86-4: Transit Facility</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>ITEM NO.</u>
Engineered Storage Systems, Inc.	\$ 245.33	9 & 10
Burroughs Storage Equipment Company	\$ 17,118.60	all others
 <u>Bid B86-5: City Services Facility</u>		
Engineered Storage Systems, Inc.	\$ 4,750.67	3,11,12,13
Burroughs Storage Equipment Company	\$ 97,760.36	all others

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- 20d. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - Purchase of one digital storage oscilloscope and one radio test instrument.
 REF. BID NO: B86-6
 EXPENDITURE: \$13,909.67.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract of the purchase of one (1) new Tektronix 2230 digital storage oscilloscope from the low bidder Tektronix, Inc. of Irvine, CA in the total amount of \$5,505.75; and that Council award a contract for the purchase of one (1) new Marconi 2955 radio communications test instrument from the low responsible bidder, the Ross Associates Company of Rancho Cucamonga, CA in the total amount of \$8,403.92.

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

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At 6:50 p.m., the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance convened in Joint Session with the City Council, returning to the Council agenda at 6:56 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of a Joint Executive Session to be held at the conclusion of Council business.

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21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. ROLLING HILLS ESTATES TOUR OF CHANDLER QUARRY SITE:

OPTIONS open to the Council:

1. Interested persons can be invited and, if there is sufficient response, Rolling Hills Estates can be requested to set another tour at a later date.
2. Mayor Armstrong can designate a three-member Council committee (Community Planning and Design) to attend the tour this Saturday, January 25.
3. The tour can be announced as a public meeting for this Saturday, January 25, and Torrance City vans can be used to transport those interested.

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RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR/CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager and the Planning Department recommend that Option #1, requesting Rolling Hills Estates to set a tour for another date, be adopted.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with staff's recommendation that interested persons be invited and, if there is sufficient response, Rolling Hills Estates can be requested to set another tour at a later date; further, that the Planning Commission and City Council withhold their participation until the City actually has a proposal on file.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate requested that staff investigate and report back to the Council regarding the possibility of requiring those service stations that pump gas on a retail basis to provide air and water availability for the general public. Mr. Applegate also requested that staff look at public restroom facilities associated with service stations. Staff will follow through.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert announced that lunch is now available for purchase by patrons of the Torrance Farmers' Market every Tuesday.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert inquired regarding scheduling of upcoming dedications and ground breakings -- staff advised that ground breaking for the Ben Haggott Reservoir is scheduled for February 27, 1986, 3:00 p.m. Information regarding additional schedulings will be provided to the Council.

22d. Councilman Walker commented on recent modifications of facilities on the third floor of City Hall.

22e. City Clerk Babb recommended that vacancies on the Human Resources Commission be advertised for appointment at the Council meeting of February 18. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

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22f. Mayor Armstrong read the following prepared statement into the record:

Members of the Council:

Two years ago, this Council agreed to the establishment of the Jared Sydney Torrance Award for life achievement and outstanding contribution to the City of Torrance. Our first honorees were Evelyn Carr, Harvel Gutenfelder and Dr. Howard Wood.

At the time the program was established, the rules we adopted provided for posthumous recognition.

Tonight, I propose for your consideration two nominees for this most prestigious Torrance medal. I propose posthumous awards to the families of Mr. Kenny Uyeda and Mr. Sam Levy. No two people in our history loved this City more, or could be more deserving.

In addition, I ask you to recall that we have planned for a park in completed Civic Center, in the classic Japanese style, and have been given commitments from both our Sister City Kashiwa and the Gardena Valley Gardeners Association to assist in its planning and development. Moreover, I ask you to recall the key role played by Kenny in gathering in those commitments.

For that reason and in recognition of his contributions to community programs, beautification, and well being, I propose we resolve that in some proper place in that park there be an appropriate memorial to Kenny's contributions and to his memory.

Members of the Council, I ask your concurrence in these proposals.

Councilwoman Geissert SO MOVED. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and there being no objection it was so ordered.

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The Council now returned to --

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor/Chairman Armstrong read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following:

1. Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Torrance Investment Company, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C577962. Said closed session is being held pursuant to the provision of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
2. Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Torrance Unified School District, Case No. C561662. Said closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
3. Pending litigation entitled James D. Bruner, et al vs. Thomas Jarvis, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number SWC 73546. Said closed session is held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
4. Potential litigation involving a claim by Shirley Chan for personal injuries and property damage sustained in an automobile vs. city-owned bus collision. Authority for a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
5. Potential litigation involving a claim by David Wijnhamer for personal injuries and property damage sustained in an automobile vs. city-owned bus collision. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).
6. The sale of the city-owned sump located at Crenshaw Boulevard and 235th Street. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained within the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.8.

At 7:15 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to a Joint Executive Session.

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NOTE: Councilman Applegate abstained in consideration of the Torrance Investment Company matter, and absented himself from the meeting room during that consideration.

The Council/Agency returned at 8:26 p.m. for formal adjournment, there being no action as a result of the Executive Session.

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Katy Heisser
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Donald E. Nelson
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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