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Hour of adjournment was 9:31 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, February 25, 1986, at 7:00 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, and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Mr. Alan Schwartz led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Rabbi Eli Hecht, Chabad of South Bay.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of February 4, 1986, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 10c: Proposed Alley Vacation -- WITHDRAWN at request of applicant.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning and Design Committee
Met February 24, re: Earthquake Hazard Reduction Ordinance -- Report to be submitted.

Ad Hoc Cable Committee
To meet Monday, March 6, 1986, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Subject: Composition of Cable Board

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with regret, the passing of Mr. Leslie Newlin and Mr. Bill Hoffman, and directed that this meeting be adjourned in their memories.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION - MR. JOHN POMEROY:

Resolution No. 86-35, adopted by Council action at its February 18, 1986 meeting, commending Mr. John Pomeroy for his outstanding contributions to the community, was presented to, and gratefully received by, Mr. Pomeroy.

Mayor Armstrong extended to this citizen every good wish for his continued success.

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8b. JARED SYDNEY TORRANCE MEMORIAL AWARD:

A lifetime of outstanding community service by Mr. Kenny Uyeda and Mr. Sam Levy was recognized in the posthumous presentation by Mayor Armstrong of the Jared Sydney Torrance Memorial Awards of Merit. The awards were gratefully accepted by the families of these fine citizens.

8c. RETIRED POLICE OFFICER AWARD:

On behalf of his colleagues on the Council and the citizens of Torrance, Mayor Armstrong presented a plaque to retired Police Officer Charles Bloom in recognition of his service to the City.

8d. RECOGNITION OF WEST HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM:

Mayor Armstrong presented to members of the West Torrance High School football team and members of the coaching staff, certificates of recognition for their Bay League Championship status.

8e. PROCLAMATION proclaiming March 9, 1986, as "Los Angeles Marathon Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Armstrong.

8f. PRESENTATION FOR TORRANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Mr. George Brewster, on behalf of the estate of his mother, Agnes Brewster, presented a check in the amount of \$21,000 to the Torrance Historical Society. This grant was accepted, with gratitude, by Ms. Janet Payne and Mr. Robert Katherman, representing the Board of Directors of the Historical Society.

8g. PROCLAMATION proclaiming March 1 and 2, 1986, as "IRA Days."

8h. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the month of March 1986 as "Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Armstrong.

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8i. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION - PASTOR LLOYD H. NEWLIN:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 86-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COMMENDING PASTOR LLOYD H. NEWLIN FOR HIS DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND SERVICE TO THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-42. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8j. CITY OF TORRANCE RECENT RETIREES:

Information was at hand from the Personnel Department regarding recent retirees from the City.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to receive and file Agenda Item 8j. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. YOUTH VANDALISM AWARENESS PROGRAM:RECOMMENDATION:

The Vandalism Task Force and the Parks and Recreation Department recommend that your Honorable Body accept the donation of \$250 from the South Torrance Lions Club and appropriate the amount to the Vandalism Task Force Fund, and that the City's appreciation be expressed to the South Torrance Lions Club and to South High School for their contributions to the Vandalism Task Force.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to accept the above donation from the South Torrance Lions Club. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Appropriate letters of appreciation were presented by Mayor Armstrong and accepted, with appreciation, by representatives of the South Torrance Lions Club and South High School.

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9b. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to receive and file, with commendation, the Annual Report of the Parks and Recreation Commission for 1984 - 1985. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and approval was unanimously favorable.

9c. CHARLES H. WILSON PHASE III - APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FOUNDATION/SLAB REPAIRS:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize staff to finalize an agreement with the architect, EDAW, Inc. and the contractor, Valley Crest Landscape, Inc., to complete the repairs to Wilson Park Phase III. It is also recommended that the City Council appropriate \$15,000 from the unappropriated funds in the Wilson Park development account to cover the City's cost for the repairs to Phase III.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Mayor Armstrong announced that he would ABSTAIN from consideration and voting on Agenda Items 10a, 17a, and 17d, because of an anticipated professional relationship in the near future. The Mayor then departed from the Council Chambers, and Mayor Pro Tem Walker assumed leadership of this portion of the meeting.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. GRANT OF EASEMENT ON AIRPORT PLAZA AIRPORT LEASE:

Mayor Pro Tem Walker noted, for the record, receipt of supplemental information indicating certain minor corrections to the easement document.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Walker, City Clerk Babb read title to --

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RESOLUTION NO. 86-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
 AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST
 AN EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 EDISON COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL
 SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-43, as amended. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, carried by way of the following roll call vote.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Mock,
 Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Pro
 Tem Walker.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Armstrong.

Considered next, out of order --

17a. AIRPORT PLAZA SUBLEASE:

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Walker, the City Clerk read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
 OF TORRANCE APPROVING CERTAIN NON-DISTURBANCE
 AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE AIRPORT
 PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-44. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried as is indicated below:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Mock,
 Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Pro
 Tem Walker.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Armstrong.

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17d. FINANCING FOR AIRPORT PLAZA ASSOCIATES II; DON BARCLAY:

At Mayor Pro Tem Walker's request, City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 86-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM OF AN ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE, AND AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE GROUND LEASE WITH AIRPORT PLAZA ASSOCIATES II; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAID CERTIFICATE AND AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-45. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Mock, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Armstrong.

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Mayor Armstrong returned to the Council Chambers and resumed leadership of the meeting.

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The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

10b. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 18 MG WALTERIA RESERVOIR:RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM SUPERINTENDENT:

It is the recommendation of the Water Department that City Council authorize the award of the construction contract for the 18 MG Walteria Reservoir to Kiewit Pacific Company for \$5,516,401.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Water System Superintendent. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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10c. PROPOSED VACATION OF EAST-WEST ALLEY NORTH OF 182ND STREET,
EAST OF PRAIRIE AVENUE TO TRACT NO. 29715:

Mayor Armstrong noted the request of the applicant to withdraw this agenda item.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the applicant's request to withdraw Agenda Item 10c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. PUBLIC FACILITIES AT SERVICE STATIONS:

Mayor Armstrong called attention to the two alternative ordinances submitted for Council consideration, with the accompanying City Manager's Note which recommends that, if the Council should desire further study of the matter, it be referred to the Planning Commission and staff for further input.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation to forward Item 12a. to the Planning Commission and staff for further study, with the direction that, prior to its submittal to the Planning Commission, there be notification to the industry inviting input. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Applegate requested that each individual holding a business license as a service station operator in the City of Torrance be notified of the City's consideration and possible intent in this regard. There being no objection, this was specified as the intent of the Council.

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

15. HEARINGS:

15a. PROPOSED VACATION OF ALLEYS IN BLOCK 23 OF THE TORRANCE TRACT:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of the vacation of portions of the alleys in Block 23 of the Torrance Tract, subject to certain conditions (Proponent and beneficiary: The First Baptist Church of Torrance).

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The City Clerk affirmed, in response to the Mayor's inquiry, that the Affidavit of publishing and posting is on file.

Audience comments were then invited.

Mr. Ken Kristoferson, 3413 Emerald Street, a member of the First Baptist Church of Torrance, reviewed their request, noting the intent of the church to purchase additional alleyway over and above that described in staff written material. It was the request of Acting City Engineer Perkins, in light of this latest information regarding the extent of the proposed purchase, that the matter be returned to staff for further study.

In response to Mayor Armstrong's invitation for further audience input, the following residents of the area addressed the Council.

- o Mr. Ruben Dovallas, owner of Lot #17 - objected to the current church plans; to the "octopus" effect of the church expansion from Carson Street on the north, southerly to his property; and to any future plans which may include the demolition of the homes on Lots #18, #19, and #20. This speaker pointed out that the homes on the church-owned Lots #6, #7 and #8 have been neglected to the point of becoming "eyesores", and also voiced his objection to the proposal by the church to purchase the remainder of the alley.
- o Mr. Jack Wolenski, 1729 Manuel Avenue - expressed strong concerns regarding possible future expansion plans of this church and requested consideration of the neighbors in this regard. Mayor Armstrong assured this speaker that proper notification procedures will be followed during the City's consideration of the matter.
- o Mr. John Roberts, 1741 Martina Avenue, owner of Lot #11 - voiced concerns regarding access, traffic circulation, parking, and continued trash collection service in the alleyway. This speaker advised that it is not his intent at this time to sell his property to the church.

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 Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to refer Agenda Item 15a, back to staff for reconsideration, with resubmittal to Council at a later date. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Armstrong addressed the question of possible future expansion plans of the church and the desirability of the City being apprised of same, and also the need for expanded notification if the territory under consideration for vacation is increased.

Councilman Wirth requested that the staff report on this matter include Engineering issues related to the desired increase in territory, as well as Planning information regarding the procedure required for adding to the church parking area. It was also observed by Councilman Wirth that the houses on Lots #6, #7 and #8 are in poor condition and, if they are the church's responsibility, "something needs to be done."

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable.

Acting City Engineer Perkins advised that staff will meet with representatives of the church and neighbors in an attempt to resolve some of the points at issue.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. AIRPORT PLAZA SUBLEASE:

See Page 6.

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

17c. EXPANSION OF MUNICIPAL REFUSE COLLECTION:

Staff presentation was provided by Administrative Specialist Rountree, who noted the opinion of the Street Department that even stringent monitoring and enforcement measures would result in continued abuses in refuse collection, thus, staff recommends expansion of the municipal refuse collection to include three- and four-unit dwellings on a single lot.

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Representing Western Waste Industries, Mr. William Goedike addressed the matter under consideration, noting his feeling that the City's proposal represents an infringement on private industry's income stream. This speaker pointed out that a field survey by his company indicated that only 30 units (of 570 total) are causing problems, and he suggested that monitoring through the City's business license process be considered.

Council discussion developed surrounding administration cost considerations; actual scope of the problem; parameters of City enforcement capabilities; etc.

Councilman Applegate expressed concern that the cost of correcting abuses to the present system could exceed the monetary benefits derived from such a corrective program.

Councilman Mock noted his opinion that the problem should be more thoroughly identified -- precisely how much revenue is being lost vs. cost of various enforcement options; erosion into the private sector; etc.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to TABLE Agenda Item 17c, until the problem can be further identified. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilwoman Geissert reiterated her previously stated position that it would be feasible for the City to collect for all three- and four-unit dwellings on a single lot.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert to concur with the staff recommendation to expand the municipal refuse collection to include all three- and four-unit dwellings on a single lot. This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Roll call vote on the MAIN MOTION to TABLE the matter pending further identification of the problem, was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

17d. FINANCING FOR AIRPORT PLAZA ASSOCIATES II; DON BARCLAY:

See Page 7.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT: For the purchase of one (1) airless highway line marking vehicle (striper) and the authorization to trade-in a City owned line marking vehicle.
 REF. BID: B86-19
 EXPENDITURE: \$44,692.50.

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

It is staff's recommendation that Council approve the purchase of one (1) Unimasco Mark-Rite MR-10 Airless Highway Line Marking Vehicle and authorize the trade-in of the City owned Unimasco 10000 vehicle with Unimasco, Inc. of Torrance, California in the total amount of \$44,692.50 including trade-in and tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Taken out of order --

23. ADJOURNMENT:23a. ADJOURNMENT TO MARCH 11, 1986:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved, because of the City elections to be held March 4, 1986, that adjournment of this meeting be to Tuesday, March 11, 1986, at 7:00 p.m. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and there being no objection it was so ordered.

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At 8:45 p.m., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 9:00 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Acknowledging this as the last meeting to be conducted by Mayor Jim Armstrong, City Manager Jackson paid tribute to Mayor Armstrong for his leadership, and expressed appreciation, on behalf of the City Manager's staff and department heads, for the Mayor's dedication over the years.

22b. City Attorney Remelmeyer offered a tribute to Mayor Armstrong substantially as follows:

"I am reminded of the famous statement by Alfred Lord Tennyson in 'Idols of the King' to the effect that: 'The old order changeth giving place to the new.'

"On the other hand, the French have a saying which translates that: 'The more things change, the more they remain the same,' -- which means, I think, that our City has a history of continuity of good government, and that's a wonderful thing. Although we have changed Mayors and Councilmen with some regularity every two or four years, we have had, I think, a splendid City government, and the people of this town can be very grateful to the members of the Council now sitting and those who have sat in the past.

"I watched a succession of Mayors and Councilmen on the dais for a considerable period of time, and I think that there is probably no city in the country that practices effective democracy as well as we do.

"They say that people get the government they deserve. If so, I think that is a great tribute to the people of Torrance because I think they have gotten a splendid government, and Your Honor certainly is a leading figure in the history of good government, not only as Mayor, but as Councilman and Planning Commissioner.

"I congratulate you on your record, and I congratulate the people of Torrance for having elected you."

22c. Councilmembers, in turn, paid tribute to the Mayor and expressed appreciation for the privilege of serving with him on the Council.

22d. Councilman Applegate regretfully noted the recent passing of City Employee Bill Hoffman, and offered condolences to his family.

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22e. Councilwoman Geissert inquired regarding the status of the Greenwood School matter -- an update was provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert requested that a designee be selected to attend the March 6 meeting of the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. Councilman Walker MOVED that Councilman Wirth be so designated. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert and there being no objection it was so ordered.

22g. Noting that the City Selection Committee is meeting to appoint a member for a two-year term to the California Coastal Commission, Councilwoman Geissert MOVED to instruct Councilman Wirth, at that meeting, to support Mayor Barbara Doerr of Redondo Beach. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Walker.

22h. Councilman Wirth requested that steps be taken in the future to more effectively alert citizens to delayed trash pickups because of legal holidays.

22i. Mayor Armstrong referenced correspondence from the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding success in obtaining Grant monies for rehabilitation of the Bartlett Center, with the request for special appreciation to Ms. Leah Jeffries of Supervisor Dana's office and Mr. Russ Nolte. The Mayor requested that appropriate recognition be afforded to these individuals.

22j. Mayor Armstrong read aloud correspondence from The International Institute of Municipal Clerks awarding the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk to Torrance City Clerk Donna Babb.

22k. Appreciation for the words of tribute earlier expressed by members of the Council and staff was expressed by the Mayor.

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22l. Mr. Murray Rubin honored Mayor Armstrong for his outstanding service and leadership to the community.

22m. Mr. Wayne Tuttle, 24740 Winlock Drive, expressed appreciation for the tremendous accomplishments represented by Mayor Armstrong and members of the Council.

23. ADJOURNMENT:

23a. See Page 12.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 9:31 p.m., to March 11, 1986, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memories of Mr. Leslie Newlin and Mr. Bill Hoffman.

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Katy Seessers
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Donell E. Gibson
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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