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at 6:00 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, July 29, 1986, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Walker (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilman Nakano.

Also present: City Manager Jackson; City Attorney Remelmeyer; and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Mr. "Snuffy" Smith led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Dr. Orlie White, Riviera United Methodist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the City Council minutes of July 8, 1986 and July 9, 1986 as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker not as yet arrived; Councilman Nakano absent).

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Councilman Walker arrived at this point in the meeting, the hour being 5:35 p.m.

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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 Councilman Wirth, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Geissert announced, with sadness, the passing of Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, wife of Fire Engineer Eldon Kennedy. It was the Mayor's request that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mrs. Kennedy.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RECOGNITION OF 25-YEAR EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Geissert presented watches to the following 25-year City employees in recognition of their years of dedicated service.

Claire Gall (not able to be present)
Edwin Barszcz
Captain Melville Hone
Martin Turcan
Chief Richard Nanney

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- 8b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming August 1986 as "Westside Center for Independent Living Month."
- 8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming August 2, 1986, as "Miss Torrance Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

Considered next out of order --

- 21a. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SWITZER CENTER:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE SWITZER CENTER FOR 20 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN THE SOUTH BAY

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-181. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

Also taken out of order --

22a. Mr. Lamont Frederick, 3714 West 181st Street, President of Torrance Municipal Employees Local 1117, AFSCME, advised that the union will submit a letter to the City Manager tomorrow requesting mediation of salary negotiations.

The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS & RECREATION MATTERS:

- 9a. ROSE FLOAT DECORATING LABOR:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-182

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 FOR FURNISHING LABOR NECESSARY FOR THE DECORATING OF A FLOAT IN THE 1987 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-182. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. AWARD OF BID for Conversion of Park, Ward, Madison Lighting District and Installation of Street Lights on Del Amo Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the bid for the conversion of Park, Ward, and Madison Lighting Districts and Installation of Street Lights on Del Amo Boulevard be awarded to C.T. & F. Inc. for \$69,722, and that all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation on Agenda Item 10a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Nakano absent).

- 10b. FY 1987 SUBREGIONAL PARATRANSIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY FUNDS UNDER THE SUBREGIONAL PARATRANSIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN FY 1986-87

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-183. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

- 10c. FY 1985-86 UMTA GRANT CONTRACT NO. CA-90-X162:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION FOR TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR FY 1985-86

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MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-184. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 2185:

RECOMMENDATION OF FIRE CHIEF/CITY MANAGER:

It is the recommendation of the Fire Chief and City Manager that your Honorable Body amend the Fire Department's budget and authorize the following:

o	1 Fire Prevention Officer	\$ 40,000
o	1 Sr. Typist Clerk	31,000
o	Vehicle and Office Equipment	15,000
o	First year start up cost of computer equipment	14,000
		<u>\$100,000</u>

The Budget Review Team has reviewed and recommends implementation of the program. It is also recommended that the revenue estimates for 1986-87 be reduced by \$80,000.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

The estimated cost of this program as initially approved was \$180,000 with an offset of fee to be collected at an estimated \$180,000. This amendment reduces the budgetary requirement to \$100,000.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Fire Chief/City Manager on Agenda Item 11a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Nakano absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 86-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING FEES TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INVENTORY PROGRAM

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-185. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Nakano absent).

11b. EXTENSION OF EXISTING CONTRACT TO PROVIDE TOWING AND STORAGE ON CITY INITIATED CALLS:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-186. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. FISCAL YEAR 1986-87 JTPA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONTRACT:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THESE CERTAIN CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE, COMPUTER AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES, J & R SYSTEMS FOR BUSINESS AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-187. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Nakano absent).

15. HEARINGS:

15a. SPRING 1986 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL:

Mayor Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on confirmation of the Spring 1986 Weed Abatement Program, showing the costs to be assessed to the property owners listed thereon.

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Affidavit of Posting was presented by City Clerk Wilson and it was ordered received and filed upon a MOTION by Councilman Applegate which was seconded by Councilman Wirth and carried without objection (Councilman Nakano absent).

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the report of the City Manager as submitted. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 86-188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN
REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE
COST OF WEED ABATEMENT FOR SPRING 1986
(WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1986-87)

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-188. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 11-13.

17b. RENEWAL OF BUS PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE EFFECTIVE DATES:
7-31-86 TO 7-31-87:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that your Honorable Body approve the continuation of bus physical damage insurance with Firemans Fund Insurance Company for 1986-87 at an annual premium of \$92,500. Funds have been allocated in the City Manager's 1986-87 budget.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation on Agenda Item 17b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3172:ORDINANCE NO 3172

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS 14.1.40, 14.1.41, AND 14.1.42 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH DEFINE DEGREES OF KINSHIP AND PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES IN THE SAME CITY DEPARTMENT

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3172 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Walker.
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Nakano.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish the City's annual requirements of various lubricating oils.
 Ref: Bid Number - B86-51
 Anticipated Expenditure: \$42,845.80 (including sales tax).

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council award an annual contract for the City's Lubricating Oil requirements to the low bidder, Chevron USA, Inc. of La Habra, California in the total amount of \$42,845.80 including tax.

- 20b. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - Reroofing 3 City Buildings (Greenwood School Buildings)
 Ref. Bid No. B86-48
 Expenditure: \$22,783.00.

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RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES:

It is recommended that Council award a contract for reroofing the Greenwood City Buildings to the low bidder, the Verdugo Roofing Company, in the total amount of \$22,783.00 including tax.

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

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SWITZER CENTER:

See Page 3.

21b. ORDINANCE NO. 3171 (SECOND READING):

ORDINANCE NO. 3171

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 33.9.3, 33.18.72, AND 85-2.19 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE CLEAN-UP OF CHRISTMAS TREE LOTS AND PUMPKIN LOTS; ADDING SECTION 92.2.9 TO ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SEASONAL SALES ON VACANT PROPERTY; AND ADDING SECTION 93.1.7 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY USES OF EXISTING PARKING LOTS

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3171 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Walker.
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Nakano.

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At 5:56 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 6:12 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of a Joint Executive Session later in the meeting - see Pages 11-13.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. See Page 3.

22b. City Manager Jackson announced that General Services Director Bill White and Equipment Superintendent Ralph Ishmael have recently become proud grandfathers.

22c. Councilman Applegate requested a report from the City Attorney's office relative to regulation of placement and maintenance of newsracks throughout the City.

22d. Councilman Applegate advised that he had received compliments from visiting Rotary Club foreign exchange students as well as guests from other Southern California cities who had occasion to visit one of the Torrance parks, and were impressed by the condition and layout thereof.

22e. Councilwoman Hardison noted her personal sadness at the passing of Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, an active citizen in this community.

22f. Councilman Wirth noted, with sorrow, the recent passing of Mr. Bob Fraser, Past President of the Central Torrance Homeowners Association.

22g. Mayor Geissert suggested that the City consider implementation of a "Good Neighbor" policy in an attempt to regulate the use of leaf blowers in the community, and recommended possible trash bill inserts to this end.

A brief Council discussion ensued. It was the suggestion of Councilman Wirth that the possibility of regulation by way of business license issuance be explored.

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Councilman Mock requested information regarding the type of control instituted by the City of Redondo Beach on this issue.

Councilman Walker indicated his opposition to any attempt on the part of the City of Torrance to regulate the use of leaf blowers by ordinance.

Councilman Applegate suggested that the City work with professional gardeners seeking their cooperation in this regard.

Appropriate City staff will follow through on these Council requests.

22h. Mr. Fred Smith, 4730 Via Corona, urged action in repairing the hillside slide area involving his home, and requested that he be provided with further information regarding geological data in that regard. Management Programs Administrator Tilden advised that the written report of the City's geologist will be made available to Mr. Smith when received.

Mr. Smith also requested he be compensated equitably for his rental expenses since having to vacate his property. The City Manager will follow up.

The Council now returned to --

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session (see Page 10) Mayor/Chairwoman Geissert 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 pending litigation cases to which the City is a party. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a):

1. City of Torrance v. Torrance Investment Co., et al,
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. C577962.
2. Lincoln Property Company, Inc. v. City of Torrance,
et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C607339.
3. Lincoln Property Company v. City of Torrance, et al,
United States District Court Case No. CIV 86 4432 FFF
(Px).

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4. Torrance Investment Company v. City of Torrance, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C608638.
5. City of Torrance v. Group W Cable, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C607339.
6. Charles Oates v. Board of Administration of the Public Employees Retirement System, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C402608.

The City Council will also recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following potential litigation matters. The authority for holding a closed session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.(b)(1).

1. Potential litigation involving the City and Southern California Gas Company franchise as it relates to proposed pipeline through Torrance under 190th Street.
2. Potential litigation involving a slope failure resulting in damage to real property located at 4730 Via Corona and 4539 Vista Largo.
3. Potential litigation involving the Mobile Fueling Agreement between the City and Peninsula Aviation Co.

The City Council acting as the Redevelopment Agency will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with and receiving advice from the Redevelopment Agency's counsel concerning the following:

The proposed lease of property located on Cravens Avenue between Post Avenue and El Prado to Thomas Safran & Associates for the purpose of construction of a senior citizens' housing project. This closed session is held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

The City Council will also recess to confer with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation of certain employee groups. This closed session is being held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

At 6:36 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance recessed to Joint Executive Session.

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NOTE: Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain from consideration of the matters involving the Madrona Marsh, and he absented himself from the meeting room during that discussion.

The Council/Agency returned at 8:55 p.m. The following action was taken.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to concur in principle with the memorandums of intent for:

- o Torrance Fire Fighters Association
- o Engineers
- o Torrance Inspection and Enforcement Association.

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved, in the matter of Charles Oates v. Board of Administration of the Public Employees Retirement System, et al, to authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreement and general special release on behalf of the City of Torrance. This motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Nakano absent).

Action relative to the matter of the Torrance Senior Housing projects (Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item 3b), is incorporated in the minutes of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, July 29, 1986, Page 4.

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The meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned at 9:02 p.m., to Monday, August 4, 1986, at 6:00 p.m., for purposes of an Executive Session.

The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was formally adjourned at 9:02 p.m. to Tuesday, August 5, 1986, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Margaret Kennedy.

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Katy Seisser
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ronald E. Gibson
Clerk of the City of Torrance

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