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Adjournment was at 6:36 p.m. to December 9, 1986,
at 5:30 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, December 2, 1986, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Nakano, Walker and Mayor Geissert.

Absent: Councilmen Mock and Wirth.

Also present: Assistant City Manager Ng, Assistant City Attorney Quale, and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Manpower Coordinator Bobbye Fisher led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Johnny Gorman, Torrance Baptist Temple.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of October 28, 1986, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

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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 Hardison, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 10f: ARCHITECT'S AGREEMENT RE GENERAL AVIATION CENTER withdrawn at request of City Manager (rescheduled for the City Council meeting of December 9, 1986 - see Page 6).

At this time, Assistant City Attorney Quale announced the request of the City Attorney's office that the meetings this date of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency be adjourned to 5:30 p.m. (rather than the usual hour of 7:00 p.m.) on December 9, 1986, for purposes of an Executive Session.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the week of December 7 through 15, 1986, as "Bill of Rights Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert, and accepted with sincere appreciation by Ms. Helen Woody.

8b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the week of December 2 through 9, 1986, as "Christmas Can Tree Week."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert. This proclamation was accepted on behalf of the Torrance City Employees' Association by Ms. Jean Roulston, and gratefully acknowledged by Captain Ray Nelson of the Torrance Salvation Army.

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- 8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming Saturday, December 6, 1986, as "First Earth Run Day."

SO PROCLAIMED by Mayor Geissert.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. FY 1986-87 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY GRANT MOU FOR THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-279

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR RECEIPT OF FY 1986-87 PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-279. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

- 10b. APPEAL OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR NO PARKING STREET SWEEPING SIGNS:

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS:

The Department of Transportation and Police Department recommend DENIAL of the request for NO PARKING-STREET SWEEPING signs on the east side of Purche Avenue between 169th Place and 170th Street.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

The Torrance Traffic Commission recommends installation of the NO PARKING-STREET SWEEPING signs on the east side of Purche Avenue between 169th Place and 170th Street.

Staff presentation was provided by City Traffic Engineer Collins who pointed out that at the time of Traffic Commission consideration of the subject request, a petition had been submitted with five out of eight residents on the east side of Purche Avenue between 169th Place and 170th Street FAVORING installation of the signs -- there is now a petition before the Council with five of the eight residents OPPOSING those same signs.

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Audience input was then invited by the Mayor.

Mr. Wilfred Kuechle, 2417 West 169th Place, registered opposition to the subject request for NO PARKING-STREET SWEEPING signs on Purche Avenue, and also requested removal of the existing signs on 169th Place. This speaker was informed by City Traffic Engineer Collins that the only matter under consideration at this time is the question of installing the signs on Purche Avenue.

Next to speak was Mr. Richard Kapp, 16914 South Purche Avenue, who indicated his opposition to the proposed signs on Purche Avenue and also advised that he has obtained signatures on a petition requesting removal of the existing signs on 169th Place.

City Traffic Engineer Collins advised the Council of the City's policy of reviewing these signs one year following their installation, that one year period for 169th Place to expire on January 20, 1987.

The following motion was then offered --

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to hold Agenda Item 10b until after January 20, 1987, so that it might be considered in conjunction with the NO PARKING-STREET SWEEPING signs on 169th Place. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Ken Vaughn, 16909 Purche Avenue, addressed the Council and related a sequence of events involving dissention in this neighborhood and apparently serious problems involved therewith. Mr. Vaughn urged that the signs on Purche Avenue be approved as requested.

As discussion continued, Mayor Geissert suggested that appropriate staff members work with the neighborhood in attempting to reach a solution to the existing problems, and that, further, Street Maintenance Superintendent Garcia prepare a report regarding a possible City-wide program of street sweeping on alternate days of the week.

Roll call vote on Councilman Walker's above motion proved unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

10c. WATER COMMISSION'S 1985-86 ANNUAL REPORT

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file the Water Commission's Annual Report for 1985-86. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

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At 6:15 p.m., those present were treated to a "surprise" visit from Santa Claus, himself, who extended sincere wishes for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS to all.

Police Sergeant Sue Rhilinger announced that this represented more than 20 years of Holiday visits to the children of this City by the Torrance Police Officers' Association.

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10d. SIX-INCH WATER MAIN IN 181ST STREET WEST OF YUKON AVENUE:

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM SUPERINTENDENT:

- (1) That the contract be awarded to ATP Construction, Inc. and all other bids be rejected; and,
- (2) That \$65,000 be appropriated from the Water Revenue Fund to cover the costs of the project.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano 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 (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

10e. REHABILITATION OF WELL NO. 4:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-280

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION
OF GENERAL PUMP SERVICES, INC., TO PERFORM
REHABILITATION REPAIR WORK ON WATER WELL
NO. 4

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-280. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

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10f. ARCHITECT'S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE GENERAL AVIATION CENTER:

Held until the City Council meeting of December 9, 1986, upon a MOTION by Councilman Applegate, seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried without objection (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent). (See Page 2.)

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

- 11a. EXPENDITURE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS for renewal of the yearly contract with City of Los Angeles - Automated Want/Warrant System (AWWS).
Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$45,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE CHIEF:

It is recommended that appropriated funds be expended for the renewal of the contract for the renewal of Police Department's participation in the Automated Want/Warrant System operated by the City of Los Angeles.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police in Agenda Item 11a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. FISCAL YEAR 1987 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS (CSUDH) FOUNDATION CONTRACT RENEWAL:

RESOLUTION NO. 86-281

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND
ATTEST A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
DOMINGUEZ HILLS

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MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 86-281. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

WITHDRAWN.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3178:

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING OR DENYING CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3178, at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

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At 6:25 p.m., the City Council convened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, reconvening as City Council at 6:26 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate requested that the City maintain a visual record of the work being done on the Smith property (Vista Largo).

22b. Responding to Councilman Nakano, City Engineer Burtt advised that the Prairie Avenue pedestrian overcrossing was in place and open to the public on Friday, November 28.

22c. Mayor Geissert requested that there be appropriate recognition to the American Honda Motor Company for their recent generous gift of vehicles for use by the City's Police and Fire Departments.

22d. It was the further request of the Mayor that appropriate recognition be extended to the Kumon Corporation for their recent donation of books to the City.

22e. Mayor Geissert commented on the outstanding accomplishments of West High School, as well as South and Torrance High, in the recent Academic Decathlon competition. Appropriate recognition for these young people was requested by the Mayor.

22f. Mr. Seymour Uberman, 4116 Konya Drive, requested that the City consider formulating an ordinance to ensure the rights of non-smokers in the City of Torrance. Building and Safety Director Grippo indicated that a study in this regard is presently under way -- a report to be provided to the Council in approximately 60 days.

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At 6:36 p.m., Councilman Applegate MOVED to adjourn to December 9, 1986, at 5:30 p.m. (for purposes of an Executive Session). His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Mock and Wirth absent).

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