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Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 24, 1982, in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council recessed in Executive Session at 5:02 P.M., returning at 6:50 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the case of Donna LaPlante Smith and Carlton Smith vs. the City of Torrance re: settlement of same. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved, in the matter of the Equipment Mechanic, that the Council reallocate the position of Equipment Mechanic to Senior Mechanic, effective October, 1980. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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The regular Council agenda order followed.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Rossberg arrived at the meeting at 7:00 P.M., and it was necessary for him to leave at 7:45 P.M.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Personnel Manager Elaine Winer led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Captain Doug O'Brien, Salvation Army.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 1982 and July 20, 1982, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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, 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 Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - None scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with deep regret, the untimely passing of Michael Grover -- son of retired City employee Betty Grover Wallin and brother of current City employee Pat Copeland. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael.

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(Councilman Rossberg arrived at this point in the meeting.)

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. WATER COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Following interviews of applicants for the vacancies on the Water Commission, the following appointments were made:

Mr. Perry Baker (for a term of 3 years and 5 months);
Dr. Robert Katherman, Jr. (for a term of 5 months).

8b. PROCLAMATION - "Union Label Week" - September 6-11, 1982.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS & RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. DONATION OF TALKING WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA BY THE SOUTH BAY OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY TO THE TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF LIBRARY DEPARTMENT/LIBRARY COMMISSION: That your Honorable Body accept, with thanks, this generous and valuable donation of a talking World Book Encyclopedia and cassette player by the South Bay Optometric Society.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation, concurring in appreciation for this valuable donation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Presentation was made by Dr. Albert Klein, president, South Bay Optometric Society, with grateful acceptance by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council and the City.

9b. COLUMBIA PARK DEVELOPMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR: That the excess dirt be used on the site, incorporated into the park design.

Desired clarification was provided by Recreation Programs Administrator Simpelaar.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Applegate that Staff provide a layout of the proposed lighting, particularly as it relates to compatability for soccer, baseball, etc. Input was also requested pertaining to current problems surrounding pending CBS approval re: lighting.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. PARCEL MAP NO. 14767 (Owner - City of Torrance).
Location: Northeast Corner of 226th Street and Ocean Avenue.
No. of Lots: Three.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:
That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 14767 and accept the right-of-way dedication thereon for 226th Street and Ocean Avenue.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer and Planning Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. MODIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF RECREATION COORDINATOR AND RECREATION SUPERVISOR.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

STAFF RECOMMENDS that the class specifications for Recreation Coordinator and Recreation Supervisor be amended to allow a substitution of related experience for the required education as shown on the subject proposed specifications.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that no change be made in the Recreation Coordinator and Recreation Supervisor class specifications.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Walker.

Desired clarification was provided by Civil Service Administrator Ghio and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Representing the Civil Service Commission, Commissioner Frank Rizzardi reaffirmed the Commission's concerns, of record.

Roll call vote on Councilman Rossberg's motion to concur with the recommendation of Staff was unanimously favorable.

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15. HEARINGS:

15a. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - Additional Transit Service Funded by Proposition A on Lines Nos. 1 and 2.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body approve the addition of 30-minute peak hour service to Line No. 1 and extension of Lines Nos. 1 and 2 to Union Station. (This cost includes the addition of four bus operator positions.) Also, we recommend that Council authorize the above programming of Proposition A funds for FY 1983.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject Continued Public Hearing, and, following Staff presentations by Transit Manager Schmidt and Administrative Analyst Hildebrand, inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion ensued. Councilman Applegate noted that, rather than the proposed extension, he would prefer to increase the amount of reserves to the end that better equipment might be provided; or increase the number of Dial-A-Lift vehicles -- there are tremendous needs within the City itself. Concurrence with these comments was indicated by Councilman Rossberg -- also of concern to Mr. Rossberg is the fact that the proposed expenditures will far outweigh anticipated revenues.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Wilson, Wirth; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg, Walker.

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The hour being 7:40 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:41 P.M.

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(Councilman Rossberg left the meeting at this time.)

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

See Page 8.

17b. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE - League of California Cities - October 17-20, 1982, San Diego.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that Mayor Armstrong serve as Voting Delegate; Councilman Walker as Alternate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD S/O 190TH STREET, CRENSHAW BLVD. S/O SEPULVEDA BLVD. AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY E/O CRENSHAW BLVD. (B82-44) FAU-M 3041 (79)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
That the constract be awarded to Gaudenti & Sons Landscaping Corporation and that all other bids be rejected.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For Furnishing 1983 Library Periodical Magazine Subscriptions for the Torrance Public Library System - Ref. Bid No. B82-45
Estimated Expenditure: $24,806.66

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:
It is recommended that inasmuch as the MAGAZINE SUPPLY HOUSE, INC. (of Worcester, Mass.) has been judged by Staff as the low responsible bidder, that Council award them a contract for the required service in the total amount of $24,806.66 for those subscriptions bid.

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For purchase of 12 1982-83 Budgeted Replacement Electric Typewriters for various departments.
Expenditure: $10,850.22, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:
That Council authorize the purchase of twelve budgeted replacement electric typewriters direct from the I.B.M. Corporation (with pricing based upon GSA contract prices) in the amount of $10,850.22, including tax.

20d. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To Furnish Keypunched - Preprinted Library Tab Cards for City Library Book Circulation Process. Ref. Bid No. B82-48
Expenditure: $12,669.18, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:
That Council award a contract for these required Library Tab Cards to the GLOBE TICKET COMPANY, of Los Angeles, in the total amount of $12,669.18, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a, 20b, 20c and 20d. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Rossberg had left the meeting).

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert noted the petition and communication from Peggy and Karl Doll (this material of official record) regarding the parking and traffic problems on Paseo de la Playa.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to refer the subject matter to the next meeting of the Traffic Commission, with Staff preparation of recommendations in an expeditious manner. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That the Council concur with the request of the residents for the installation of "NO STOPPING" signs on the east side of Paseo de la Playa between Via Riviera and Camino de Encanto. Further, that the support of the County be solicited to study the matter of metered parking. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer at the point was the likely need for Coastal Commission review and approval of such parking restrictions.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED TO CARRY, with a TIE ROLL CALL vote as follows:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Geissert, Wilson, Wirth.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Applegate, Walker; Mayor Armstrong.
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Rossberg.

The MAIN MOTION,to refer this matter to the Traffic Commission, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Rossberg).

22b. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff input re: temporary use of El Prado-Cravens site by senior citizens; a report is currently being prepared, per Assistant City Manager Jackson.

22c. Mr. Stan Smith, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Commission, expressed the Commission's appreciation for Council action concurring with Staff's recommendation re: use of excess dirt on Columbia Park (Item 9b).

22d. Mr. Chris Anderson, 22972 Cabrillo Avenue, reaffirmed comments made approximately six weeks ago relative to traffic problems on Cabrillo Avenue. Mayor Armstrong directed that Police Captain Hone confer with Mr. Anderson at the close of the meeting.

22e. Mr. Richard Allman, 4874 Elkridge Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, reported on Police Department difficulties experienced by his son surrounding an incident at Torrance Beach.

It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that this case be put in writing in a letter to him in order that appropriate internal inquiries might be made.

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17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

At 8:00 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:28 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the matter of Linda Bottai vs. the City of Torrance and make an offer of settlement in the matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Rossberg).

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, August 31, 1982, at 4:30 P.M., the early hour being for the purpose of an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg absent).

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Michael Grover.

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James R. Armstrong
Mayor of the City of Torrance

City Clerk of the City of Torrance