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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 1983, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Chuck Dishon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by George Magart, Pastor Emeritus, First Christian Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 1983, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee:
February 15th at 4:00 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES:

Mayor Armstrong introduced and commended, on behalf of the Council, the following employees for 25-years of service with the City of Torrance:

Allan Butler	Jack Mangan
Frank Duarte	Joe Ortiz
Howard Fisk	Richard Rankin
Richard Humphry	Edith Simpelaar

8b. COMMENDATION FOR MR. STEVEN COLLINS:RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager, on behalf of the Chief of Police and all of City Staff, requests that your Honorable Body direct Staff to prepare appropriate commendation for Mr. Steven Collins for his assistance in the apprehension of a bank robbery suspect, for presentation at a City Council meeting in the near future.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Final Costs for Right-of-Way Acquisition - Western Avenue - Sepulveda Boulevard to south city limits.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WESTERN AVENUE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FROM 500 FEET NORTHERLY OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD TO LOMITA BOULEVARD

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-25. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10b.
- APPOINTMENT TO WEST BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Water Commission unanimously recommend that Commissioner Harold F. Lindborg be appointed as the City of Torrance's representative on the West Basin Water Association's Board of Directors. Staff concurs.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Water Commission and Water System Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that there be appropriate recognition for Commissioner David Cargan's outstanding service as the City's representative on the Board during the last decade.

- 10c.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Grant of Easement to Southern California Edison Company for Guy Wires and Anchors on the Urban West Communities Airport Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR GUY WIRES AND ANCHORS

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-26. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL WASHER, DRYER AND FLOOR POLISHER FOR THE TORRANCE CITY JAIL.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT:

It is recommended that the City Council approve an appropriation and authorize purchase of a commercial washer, commercial dryer and a floor polisher for the Torrance City Jail in the amount of \$2,000, including tax and installation.

FINANCE NOTE:

These weekend jail commitment fees were not anticipated when the 1982-83 budget was put together. If this item (appropriation) is approved, the offsetting source will be recorded as the fee revenue.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation, and approve subject authorization and appropriation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. COMPARISON BETWEEN NEW PARK DEL AMO APPLICATIONS AND THE RESCINDED PARK DEL AMO APPROVALS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

Based on the differences apparent in the Tables and Maps, of record, Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the subject resolution making findings and declaring the current Torrance Investment Company application filed in 1982 to be essentially different from their 1981 development application.

At the request of Councilwoman Geissert, City Attorney Remelmeyer reviewed appropriate portions of the State Election Code which makes reference to "significant difference." Desired clarification was provided by Mr. Remelmeyer.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 83-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING FINDINGS CONCERNING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR THE SANTA FE PROPERTY MADE BY TORRANCE INVESTMENT COMPANY IN 1981 AND THEIR CURRENT APPLICATION, FILED IN 1982; AND DECLARING THEM TO BE ESSENTIALLY DIFFERENT

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-27. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. EMPLOYMENT OF PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & COMPANY TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND NEGOTIATION OF INDIRECT COST RECOVERY RATES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company be retained to assist in the development and negotiation of indirect cost allocation rates in accordance with a contract approved by the City Attorney, executed by the Mayor, and attested to by the City Clerk; and that \$15,500 be appropriated from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for that purpose.

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

- 17b. PURCHASE OF COMPREHENSIVE 3-D Bond (Dishonesty, Disappearance and Destruction).

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that Your Honorable Body approve the purchase of a Comprehensive 3-D Bond from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for the three-year period, January 1, 1983 to January 1, 1986, described in Alternative No. 2 of the quotation letter as follows:

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	<u>Current Limits</u>
Public Employees Blanket Position Bond	\$100,000.
Money & Securities (Inside and Outside Premises)	50,000.
Depositors Forgery	<u>50,000.</u>
3-Year Premium:	\$ 9,340.
<u>Proposed Addition:</u>	<u>Proposed Limits</u>
Public Employees Blanket Bond--Excess	<u>\$400,000.</u>
Additional 3-Year Premium Required:	<u>\$ 1,324.</u>
TOTAL PROPOSED 3-YEAR PREMIUM:	<u>\$ 10,664.</u>

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Printing of Torrance Transit Bus Schedules. Ref. Bid No. B82-06
Expenditure: \$14,800.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

That Council award a contract to the low bidder, Western Map Company of Glendale, California, for the printing of 80,000 Torrance Transit Schedules, in the total amount of \$14,800.00, including tax.

20b. CRENSHAW BOULEVARD GRADE SEPARATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$200,000 in Gas Tax Funds be appropriated to the Crenshaw Boulevard Grade Separation project.

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Street Improvements in Various Locations (1911 Assessment Act).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to George Dakovich & Son, Inc., and all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a, 20b and 20c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:25 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:27 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate discussed the Perry School site and the proposed sale thereof, expressing his concerns relative to the need for appropriate zoning and designation of proper use of the property by the City prior to any attempts to market this land. Mr. Applegate also reviewed the "open space" aspect of present school land, and noted the imperative need for School District/City communication in these matters.

It was the request of Councilman Applegate that Staff report back on the law regarding City rights as related to sale of school sites for public use.

A Special Meeting on this matter was recommended by Mayor Armstrong.

22b. Councilman Rossberg commended the Daily Breeze on the recent excellent editorial re: Edward J. Ferraro.

22c. Councilman Wilson noted recent update on Community Development Grant monies and inquired as to any possible jeopardy if HCD and general revenue sharing monies are merged. City Manager Jackson responded that this matter will be studied and the Council will be kept informed.

22c. Mayor Armstrong noted request from City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Jackson re: specific information on type of development indicated in the initiative petition for the Santa Fe property -- Council reconsideration was requested.

Discussion followed, with clarification provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and the City Attorney in the subject matter (memo of record). The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22d. Mr. Larry Gitschier, 1303 Acacia Avenue, expressed concern re: lack of Senior Citizen housing in Park Del Amo project. Mayor Armstrong clarified the matter of projected Senior Citizen housing plans.

It was the added recommendation of Mr. Gitschier that the alley be closed at the Cravens-El Prado site.

22e. Ms. Kay White, 645 Via los Miradores, stated that the initiative is a General Plan amendment and a zone change with "a few conditions of development period; it is not a project, and I don't see how you can make a study of a non-project." It was the request of Ms. White that misleading information not be given to the public.

Recent press releases were reviewed, with regret, by Mayor Armstrong; statements attributed to STOP were quoted and refuted by the Mayor. Ms. White stated STOP's intent, again noting that the initiative is not a project. Ms. White responded to the contents of the press releases, and the basis therefor.

It was the request of Councilman Rossberg at this time that Staff prepare a report on the financial aspect of the cost of open space in terms of how much the City currently receives from property tax, then how much revenue would be generated from the originally approved plan and from the proposed plan.

22f. Mr. Dave Rankin, 1011 Beech Avenue, expressed concern re: newspaper publicity and "out of context quotes" pertaining to the initiative, etc. -- the opposing opinions were acknowledged, but resolution of the issue will bring all sides together again, in the opinion of Mr. Rankin.

22g. Ms. Millie Creager, 2940 West Carson, representing the Merit-Carson Homeowners Association, requested that there be a traffic study of the Monterey/Maple and Maple/Carson area. Mayor Armstrong directed that Director of Transportation Horkay follow through in this matter; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22h. Ms. Sue Herber, 2264 West 230th Street, urged that there be moderate growth for the City of Torrance -- further commercial development is unwelcome.

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17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:05 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 9:00 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the City Attorney and the City Manager in the Ahlemeir matter -- i.e. send the matter back to PERS. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

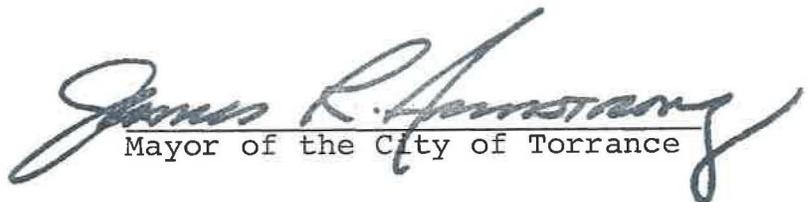
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

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City Clerk of the City of Torrance

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