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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, April 19, 1983, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at 5:40 P.M.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Former Councilman George Brewster led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend George Robinson, Torrance Church of Christ.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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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 Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Finance Committee:

Met this date - report forthcoming.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION - "The General Federation of Woman's Clubs - California Juniors Day" - April 24, 1983.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "Consumers' Week" - Week beginning April 24, 1983.

8c. PROCLAMATION - "Professional Secretaries Week" - April 24-30, 1983.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8d. PRESENTATION TO GARRETT CORPORATION.

Mayor Armstrong presented to Mr. Hank Lopez a check representing initial interest-free Federal-Aid-Urban loan funds for the Garrett Corporation's employee vanpool program. There was grateful acceptance by Mr. Lopez, with like appreciation expressed by other Garrett Corporation representatives in attendance.

8e. PROCLAMATION - "TEACHERS' DAY" - April 20, 1983.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

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Councilwoman Geissert arrived at this point in the meeting [5:40 P.M.], having been in attendance at the reception honoring Ms. Marilyn Ryan on her appointment

as Executive Director of the California Arts Council. Mrs. Geissert conveyed the best wishes of the City to Ms. Ryan.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. RESOLUTION re: Proposition A - Fare Reduction Program Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-70

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 PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE PROPOSITION A FARE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR FY 1982-83

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-70. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. RESOLUTION re: Non-cash Repayment of Audit Findings of CETA Programs - 10/9/79 through 9/30/81.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ATTEST TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR NON-CASH REPAYMENT OF CETA AUDIT FINDINGS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-71. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

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

See Page 7.

- 17b. ORDINANCE amending License Provisions which regulate Charitable Solicitations.

ORDINANCE NO. 3053

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3053 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To Furnish Annual Requirements of Various Lubricating Oils - Ref. Bid No. B83-20. Anticipated Expenditure: \$42,700.45.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by the Texaco Company and award them an annual contract for various lubricating oils in the total amount of \$42,700.45, including tax.

- 20b. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - To Retrofit the Central Air Condition Systems at City Hall and Main Library with Energy Saving Economizer Systems (B81-83).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Rusher Air Conditioning, and that the City Clerk be directed to file Notice of Completion.

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

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The hour being 5:50 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 5:51 P.M.

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21. ADDENDUM ITEM:21a. GROUP W FACILITIES.

Capital Projects Administrator McKinnon reviewed the space needs for Group W -- specifically, 1,746½ sq. ft. in the basement, 6,014 sq. ft. of land in the back parking area -- (per communication from Assistant City Attorney Quale). There is no objection to allowing Group W to start on this project, per Mr. McKinnon, with formalized agreement to follow in approximately one week; formal Council approval at this time is requested.

Desired clarification was provided the Council by Mr. McKinnon.

MOTION Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the subject request, subject to the City Attorney drawing up a lease acceptable to the City and to Group W. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate inquired as to the status of the repair work in front of City Hall -- the desired information was provided by Building and Safety Director Grippo.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert again discussed the merits of a Staff member taking photographs during Council presentations, where appropriate. Mrs. Geissert requested that Staff review this matter and report back to the Council.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert requested that Staff review restriping and better utilization of parking facilities for City employees during the Group W renovation period.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert discussed the matter of the conb development (via CUP) on Apple Avenue, a street with basically R-1 uses, noting the problems presented in the grading of the property with the earth mounded 4 to 5 ft. above the natural grade.

A meeting has been held with Staff members and concerned residents, per Mrs. Geissert; there is a need for some direction in this case, in view of the apparent misunderstanding regarding the plans.

Planning Director Ferren advised that Staff will meet with the developer and the neighbors on April 21st to try to resolve this particular problem. The matter of past practices regarding building heights, artificial vs. natural grades, will be presented to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Armstrong requested that the Council be provided with the record on this CUP, and that they be kept informed on the progress of this matter.

Ms. Eleanor Blakesley, 2611 Apple, was present to confirm the concerns expressed by Councilwoman Geissert.

22e. Councilman Rossberg extended congratulations to City Treasurer Tom Rupert on his meeting the necessary qualifications for appointment as a California Certified Municipal Treasurer. Mr. Rupert is to be warmly commended for his highly professional manner in the handling of City monies and in fulfilling the duties of his office, per Mr. Rossberg, and is most deserving of this recognition.

Mayor Armstrong requested that there be appropriate recognition for City Treasurer Rupert for this achievement.

22f. Councilman Rossberg praised City Attorney Remelmeyer for his "masterful job" in assembling the STOP/Park Del Amo packet.

22g. Councilman Rossberg requested that Staff review the merits of placing reflectors on large trash bins on City streets; an appropriate ordinance should be prepared.

22h. Councilman Wilson asked that the matter of auto repair activities at a garage at 171st and Prairie be checked out -- cars being repaired are left out in the street, the parking of junked cars, repair work occurring in the street itself, etc.

22i. Mayor Armstrong expressed concurrence with the idea of reflectorized trash bins, as above recommended by Councilman Rossberg, with the added suggestion that reflectors be placed on all bins, large and small, including the City's round tubs in the alleys.

22j. Mayor Armstrong asked that the City Manager extend invitations to Girl and Boy Scout troops, and like organizations, to participate in the Flag Salute ceremony at City Council meetings.

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:25 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:38 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney to authorize settlement in the amount of \$10,000.00 in the case of PUNARO et al vs. TORINO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY et al. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson who left the meeting during the Executive Session).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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