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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 26, 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:

An Eagle Scout in the audience 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:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 1983 and March 29, 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 Wilson 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:

Citizens' Development:
May 4th at 4:00 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Vice Admiral Charles E. Larkin, United States Coast Guard - Grand Marshal, Armed Forces Day Parade.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO VICE ADMIRAL CHARLES E. LARKIN, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, COMMANDER, PACIFIC AREA AND TWELFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT, FOR SERVING AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY OBSERVANCE

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-74. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 8b. RESOLUTION commending Don Lee as Torrance Jaycee of the Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING DONALD J. LEE AS TORRANCE JAYCEE OF THE YEAR FOR 1982-83

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-72. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 8c. RESOLUTION commending Clark Terrill as past president of the Torrance Jaycees.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MR. A. CLARK
TERRILL III AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
TORRANCE JAYCEES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-73. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 8d. PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM THE
MAYOR OF TAICHUNG, TAIWAN.

Mr. Rick Hood, Varsity Baseball Coach at South High and a recent visitor to Taiwan, formally presented gifts for the City of Torrance from Mayor Lin Po Rung of Taichung, Taiwan to Mayor Armstrong. The gifts were gratefully accepted by the Mayor, on behalf of the City.

- 8e. PROCLAMATION - "Neighborhood Watch Month" - May, 1983.
8f. PROCLAMATION - "Youth Week" - First Week of May, 1983.
8g. PROCLAMATION - "Hire a Veteran Week" - May 1-7, 1983.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:
10a. RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION - Crenshaw Boulevard -
Maricopa Street to Carson Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT
FOR STREET EASEMENTS ON CRENSHAW
BOULEVARD BETWEEN MARICOPA STREET
AND CARSON STREET

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-75. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a.
- ORDINANCE
- re: Changes to Civil Service Rules and Procedures pertaining to probationary period and probationary evaluations.

ORDINANCE NO. 3054

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14.20.1, 14.20.2, 14.20.3 and 14.20.4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for approval of Ordinance No. 3054 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a.
- RESOLUTION
- supporting Senate Bill 575.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 575, ELIMINATION OF JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-76. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17b.
- ORDINANCE
- re: Charitable Solicitations.

ORDINANCE NO. 3055

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 REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 3053

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3055 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17c. RESOLUTION issuing a six months advance notice to cancel the current agreement between the City and Computer Sciences Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO NOTIFY COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION TO TERMINATE THE CURRENT AGREEMENT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-77. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COMPLETION OF McMASTER PARK REHABILITATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR/PARK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR: As all of the steps of the contract to rehabilitate McMaster Park are now completed and in use by the general public and there are sufficient funds to pay the contractor, Staff is recommending that the City Council accept the work as completed, and make the final payment to Industrial Turf, Inc.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Modification of Traffic Signal at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard (Daily Breeze).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that the bid for the modification of the traffic signal at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard be awarded to Smith Electric Supply for \$31,640, and that all other bids be rejected.

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

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The hour being 7:20 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:21 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate reviewed the matter of the Central Postal Service (per information furnished the Council with a recommendation from Staff that the Service be implemented) -- it was his suggestion that the word "voluntary" be included in the easement language. Building and Safety Director Grippo stated that he would forward that request to the Postal Service.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert stated that she was hesitant to endorse the Central Postal concept -- while optional now, it likely will end up a mandatory requirement, in her opinion.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert expressed appreciation of Chairperson Mary Cooper, Library Commission, for the background material provided the Council re: overdue procedures at the Library developed by the Library Staff.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert noted information received relative to picture-taking at Council meetings, and reaffirmed her original intent that it be a simple procedure absorbed by Staff members in attendance at the meetings, with the film processed at the Police Lab. Further consideration was requested by Mrs. Geissert.

22e. Councilman Rossberg also expressed a hesitancy in endorsing the Central Postal Service Program.

22f. Councilman Rossberg commended Staff members responsible for the Madrona Avenue landscaping improvements -- "a tremendous improvement."

22g. Councilman Rossberg noted another successful Bunka Sai Festival, with praise for those responsible for this event.

22h. Councilman Walker reaffirmed his opposition to the Central Postal Service concept.

22i. Councilman Wirth commended the Airport security employee who assisted in the apprehension of a robbery suspect, and the three Police Officers who prevented a suicide attempt on top of the Union Bank Building.

22j. Mayor Armstrong commented on the record-breaking attendance at the recent Bunka Sai, noting that a report is forthcoming.

22k. Mayor Armstrong recommended that the position of the Council be "no objection" to the Central Postal Service Program, rather than "endorsed."

22l. Mayor Armstrong requested Council approval of the nomination of Ms. Dee Hardison and Mr. Harry Van Bellehem for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Master Planning the old Palos Verdes Landfill site for park and recreational purposes, per request of Supervisor Dana.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated nominations. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:35 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:30 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, the Torrance Liability Insurance Claims Board and R.L. Kautz and Company who believe it is in the best interest of the City to settle the claim of Cecile Wolfe in the amount of \$7500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance