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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, May 10, 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:

Mrs. Pat Wright led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Bill Norton, South Bay Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 1983 and April 26, 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 Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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At this point in the meeting, Mayor Armstrong introduced and welcomed Mr. Michael Cagaanan -- young son of Acting Airport Manager Cagaanan.

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Students from the Citizenship for the Foreign Born class, accompanied by teacher Pat Wright, introduced themselves to the Council. A warm welcome was extended.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. PROCLAMATION - "National Fire Service Day" -  
May 14, 1983.
- 8b. PROCLAMATION - "National Police Week" - May 15-21, 1983.
- 8c. PROCLAMATION - "National Insurance Women's Week" -  
May 15-21, 1983.
- 8d. PROCLAMATION - "Municipal Clerk's Week" -  
May 8-14, 1983.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Construction of an Aircraft Washrack at Torrance Airport.RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. That the bid for construction of an aircraft washrack facility be awarded to the lowest bidder, George Dakovich & Son of Torrance for \$26,045;
2. That your Honorable Body authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 in accumulated State Block Grant monies from the California Aid to Airports Program; and
3. That Council appropriate \$5,473 from the Airport Fund to cover remaining project costs.

Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, requested, and received, clarification pertaining to the nature and use of the facility.

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

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:12a. DOWNTOWN CROSSWALK/INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.

It was the request of Planning Director Ferren that Item 12a be held until May 24, 1983.

Councilman Applegate so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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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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13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING & SAFETY MATTERS:

- 13a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: EPA Proposed Moratorium on Construction of Major New or Modified Stationary Sources for Transportation and Water Treatment Facilities.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UPON THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-84. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Special Youth Project (YMCA).

RESOLUTION NO. 83-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THIS CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE SOUTH BAY AREA YMCA

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-85. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Rossberg, Walker,  
Wilson, Wirth; Mayor Armstrong.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a.
- CUP 83-7, AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR COMPANY, INC.
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- (Mr. Willie Tokishi): Administrative Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a corporate headquarters complex in the M-2 zone at 840 Van Ness Avenue.

Proof of Publication was presented by City Clerk Babb, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing.

Planning Director Ferren noted Supplementary Material for Item 15a with revised Conditions #24 and #30. The proponent concurs with the rewording, per Mr. Ferren.

Formal presentation was made by Mr. Willie Tokishi, on behalf of American Honda Motor Company, Inc. -- slides and renderings further enhanced this informative presentation.

The Council unanimously expressed praise for this project and the resultant prestige for the City of Torrance.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of CUP 83-7, with conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS FACILITY IN THE M-2 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 840 VAN NESS AVENUE -  
CUP 83-7: AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-86, as amended. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

It was stated by Councilman Rossberg that the role of former City Manager Edward J. Ferraro in the evolvement of this development must be acknowledged, with gratitude.

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15b. Ordinance re: Installation of Satellite Antennae.

The request of the Southern California Edison Company that this item be held for two weeks was noted by the Council.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. James M. Roberts, 3915 Cartigan Way, Los Angeles, reaffirmed previously expressed concerns relative to the subject ordinance, and indicated that he would return in two weeks with further input. It was the recommendation of Mayor Armstrong that the material be reviewed with Planning Director Ferren.

Mr. Gary Accardo, Vice President, Frank's TV Antenna Service, Inc., 2059 Palos Verdes Drive North, Lomita, expressed support of the proposed ordinance (per May 10th written communication, of record).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to continue Item 15b for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a.
- RESOLUTION
- in support of Los Angeles Airport Dunes Specific Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-87A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE  
LOS ANGELES AIRPORT DUNES SPECIFIC  
PLAN

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-87. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

- 17b.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Termination of Bob Curtis Oldsmobile Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-88A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST  
THAT CERTAIN MUTUAL RELEASE TERMINATING  
THE LEASE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO ON  
JANUARY 1, 1982, BETWEEN BOB CURTIS  
OLDSMOBILE, INC. AND THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-88. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17c.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Contract with Software Services Division of the ICA Group, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-89A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AWARDED A CONTRACT  
TO THE SOFTWARE SERVICES DIVISION OF  
THE ICS GROUP, INC., FOR TECHNICAL  
SPECIALISTS FOR VARYING PERIODS OF  
PERFORMANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-89. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17d. RESOLUTION re: Extension of Cable TV Construction Progress Deadline.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-90

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A 60-DAY EXTENSION OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS DEADLINE FOR GROUP W CABLE AS SPECIFIED IN THE CABLE TELEVISION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS AMENDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 27, 1982

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-90. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. PARCEL MAP 15064.

Subdivider: Triad Design  
 Location: 3820 Del Amo Boulevard  
 No. of Lots: One- Commercial Condo Conversion

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:  
 That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 15064 and accept the 5' right-of-way dedication thereon to provide for future bike path.

- 20b. AUTHORIZATION TO SELL WRECK-TOTALED DAMAGED CITY VEHICLES - Units #7411, #7267 and #7269.

Total Sale Amount: \$3,130.98

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING AGENT:  
 Inasmuch as it has been determined that the units are beyond economical repair, it is recommended that the Council authorize the sale of the three units for salvage of parts to the highest bidder for each unit -- Schimmick and Dool Auto Dismantlers for Unit #7411 in the total amount of \$580.98 -- and to Lakenor Auto Salvage for Units #7267 and #7269 in the total amount of \$2,550.00. (No sales tax is to be charged as these sales are subject to resale.)

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Finance Director Dundore, at Mayor Armstrong's request, provided a verbal report re: the matter of the property tax, refunds, new interpretation of Proposition 13, etc. There was further input by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The Council will be kept informed as this matter evolves.

22b. Councilman Applegate reported on the plans for the forthcoming Armed Forces Day 10K Run.

22c. Councilman Applegate advised that he will not be present at the May 17th Council meeting -- he will be out of town on a matter of personal business.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert discussed the recent tragic earthquake in Coalinga and the possible need to reexamine the City of Torrance's disaster plans. Reevaluation of the plan is currently under way, per City Manager Jackson. Mrs. Geissert requested Staff comments re: any possible earthquake-hazardous buildings in Torrance.

22e. It was the recommendation of Councilman Rossberg that <sup>the</sup> City's concern for Coalinga's residents who suffered this disaster be conveyed via a letter to the appropriate party, with an offer of assistance.

22f. A report on the overall status of the Armed Forces Day event was provided by Councilman Rossberg.

22g. Councilman Walker reported on his personal visit to Coalinga and confirmed the substantial disaster which befell this city.

22h. Councilman Walker noted recent Planning Commission minutes where concern was expressed re: unisex restrooms -- he has like concerns, and requested that the report being prepared on this matter also be forwarded to the Council.

22i. Councilman Wilson (in a prepared oral communication, of record) discussed the devastating Coalinga earthquake, and recommended "adoption" of this city to support them in this time of need. It was Dr. Wilson's request that the Council support this concept and that the Mayor invite community leaders and organizations to participate in formulating such a support program -- further, that the Council adopt a resolution to be sent to principal cities in California asking that they adopt the "sister city" concept; and that this resolution be forwarded to the proper committee of the California League of Cities for its adoption.

Mayor Armstrong referred this recommendation to City Manager Jackson for review as to appropriate procedures, with the matter to be returned to the Council.

22j. Councilman Wirth recommended that a letter of opposition to ACA 38, written by Mayor Armstrong, go forward. The Mayor concurred with this request.

22k. Mayor Armstrong deemed it extremely important that the City's Disaster Plan be updated -- also, that people in affected areas be tactfully reminded of the importance of preparation.

22l. Mr. Lawrence Gitschier, 1303 Acacia, requested, and received, clarification re: the status of the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard.

22m. Representatives from South Bay Cable News presented an informative videotape of their South Bay news coverage, and indicated their desire to cooperatively work with Group W.

17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

At 8:35 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: litigation, returning at 9:25 P.M. No action was taken.

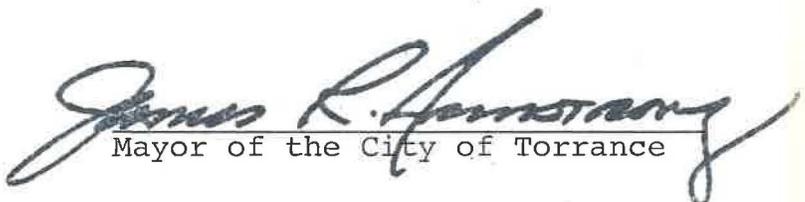
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
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