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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, September 6, 1983, at 5:30 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:

Acting Airport Manager Cagaanan led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Ronald Dybvig, Christ the King Lutheran Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved that the minutes of August 9, 1983, be approved, 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:

Community Planning:
September 12th at 4:30 P.M.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with deep regret, the death of long-time Torrance resident, Elmer Mullen, and directed that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION - "Peace and Independence Day" -
September 3, 1983.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "Constitution Week" -
September 17-23, 1983.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8c. EXTENSION OF LOAN AGREEMENT - Re: Loan of a City Police motorcycle to the Los Angeles Children's Museum Satellite Branch, Del Amo Fashion Mall.

RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE:
That Council authorize an extension of the loan agreement for at least one year.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-210

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE LOAN OF A CITY POLICE MOTORCYCLE (SURPLUS) TO THE LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TO

AUGUST 30, 1984, AND APPROVING FURTHER
EXTENSIONS BY THE CITY MANAGER

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-210. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8d. PRESENTATION BY GROUP W CABLE, INC. OF TORRANCE.

Mr. Larry Windsor, on behalf of Group W Cable, presented a plaque to Mayor Armstrong which marks the activation this date of the Cable Television System in Torrance.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS & RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. DONATION BY AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

RECOMMENDATION:

That your Honorable Body accept the donation of \$1,500 from the American Honda Motor Company, Inc. and appropriate it for the Parks and Recreation Department's summer musical, "No, No, Nanette."

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

9b. DONATION BY DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Department staff recommend acceptance of the \$300 donation and allocation to the Parks Special Events Account. The Department recommends, further, the Dog Obedience Club receive the City's expression of thanks for their excellent dog training program and their continued support of the community's recreation programs.

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

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING & SAFETY MATTERS:

- 13a. RESOLUTION for Award of Contract to Relocate a Portion of Entrance Bench Wall and Ramp and Install a Low Barrier Pipe railing on three side of Civic Center Library.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CMC GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO RELOCATE A PORTION OF THE ENTRANCE BENCH WALL AND RAMP AND INSTALL A LOW BARRIER PIPE RAILING ON THREE SIDES OF CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Councilman Wirth moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-211. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER APPLICANTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR/ CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: That your Honorable Body approve the temporary suspension of the maximum allowable age for Police Officer applicants.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 14b. RESOLUTION re: New Class Specifications and Salary Ranges for Computer Operator and Lead Computer Operator.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY AFSCME, AMENDING RESOLUTION 83-142

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-212. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:15a. 1983 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM (B83-32).

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. There were no exceptions, per Sr. C.E. Assistant Perkins.

Affidavit of Mailing was presented by City Clerk Babb. Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Armstrong then inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 83-213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 83-205

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-213. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15b. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - ZC 83-6, CUP 83-12, SHELL OIL COMPANY (DALE LEWIS): City Council consideration of a Zone Change from CR-PP to C-2 and an Appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a self-serve gasoline filling station with an automatic self-serve car wash at 4530 Torrance Boulevard. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE AND DENIAL OF THE APPEALED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE SUBJECT ZONE CHANGE AND APPROVAL OF THE SUBJECT APPEAL WITH CONDITIONS.

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

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject continued public hearing, and invited comments from the audience.

Representing Shell Oil Company, Mr. Dale Lewis reiterated contents of their written appeal in this matter (of record) and reviewed action taken by Planning Commission. Mr. Lewis then described the car wash arrangements; the reduced dryer noise represented by new equipment; wall treatment to protect adjacent properties; etc. -- what is proposed by way of this project is a fine development for the area; a clean, modern, efficient use, replacing an older, under-utilized, much less attractive facility. Council approval was requested by Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Bob Billett, 5510 Laurette Street, representing the Executive Board of the Southwood Homeowners Association, stated that they are opposed to the proposed Zone Change and Conditional Use Permit, and request Council denial of the appeal and support of the Planning Commission recommendation for denial of the project -- they are concerned about additional noise and traffic which may be created by this project and feel it is inappropriate in this residential area. There is further concern, per Mr. Billett, re: potential future projects which could be allowed in a general commercial zone.

Ms. Joan Corpell, an engineer with Shell Oil Company, reviewed the matter of traffic flow control, indicating that the design permits necessary maneuvering of automobiles.

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

It was the comment of Councilman Rossberg that following his visit to the Norwalk facility, he had to acknowledge that it was a very attractive and functional station. Mr. Rossberg thereupon offered the following MOTION: That the Council approve the car wash; hours not to be longer than 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.; based on all Staff conditions, and all Staff's ability to make sure that nothing else can go in unless via Precise Plan; that there be a sufficient turning mechanism; and that there be no additional high power blower equipment at some future point. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Speaking against the motion, Councilwoman Geissert stated that while the self-service car wash is a good operation, it is her feeling that the C-R zone is a more correct zone for the adjacent properties -- the C-2 zone has so many types of permissive uses and quite different requirements than the C-R zone.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate: To deny the appeal and concur with the Planning Commission recommendation. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

The reason for the above motion, per Mr. Applegate, is based on his concerns re: the ability to stack or store cars; entering and existing the station; and likely traffic hazards.

The Substitute Motion FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Discussion ensued. Councilman Rossberg amended his MAIN MOTION to incorporate a further condition: "That there be 'Right Turn Only' signs posted at all station exits." This was accepted by Councilman Wilson who had seconded the motion.

The MAIN MOTION CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

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

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb assigned the following numbers and titles:

ORDINANCE NO. 3068

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING
DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE
TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH
IS LOCATED AT 4530 TORRANCE BOULEVARD
FROM CR-PP TO C-2 (PP) ZC 83-6 (EA 83-9)
SHELL OIL COMPANY

It was noted by Planning Director Ferren that SECTION 4 of Ordinance No. 3068 should be revised to state: ".....from CR-PP (Restricted Commercial with a Precise Plan Overlay) to C-2 PP (General Commercial with a Precise Plan Overlay)).

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3068, as above amended, at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 83-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SELF-SERVE GASOLINE FILLING STATION WITH AN AUTOMATIC SELF-SERVE CAR WASH IN THE CR-PP ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4530 TORRANCE BOULEVARD - CUP 83-12: SHELL OIL COMPANY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-214, with additional conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

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17b. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Automated Video Information Display System and Multi-Video Tape Recorder Playback Console.

REF: Bid No. B83-39

Total Expenditure: \$132,366.29

Source of Funding: Group W Equipment Grant
Received on August 9, 1983

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/CABLE TELEVISION ADMINISTRATOR: That your Honorable Body award the contract for the Automated Video Information Display System and the Multi-Video Tape Recorder Playback Console to them for the total amount of \$132,366.29.

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

17c. AUTHORIZATION TO CONVERT XEROX COPIER RENTAL PROGRAM TO LEASE-PURCHASE PROGRAM RE: REDUCTION IN ANNUAL COSTS \$39,367.96.

EXPENDITURE: \$342,848.40 payable over 60 months including 11.5% Interest. (Cost of Hardware only)
(No new appropriation of funds required)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize Staff, on behalf of the City, to enter into Xerox's standard lease-purchase agreement for the lease-purchase of certain existing Xerox machines and the lease-purchase of certain new Xerox copiers (as previously specified) in the total amount of \$342,848.40, including interest, payable monthly over 60 months. The only monies due now, other than the first monthly payment, would an amount for sales tax on the total, or \$16,888.83.

The first year savings by this program would be \$39,367.96. Over five years, with a 5% inflation factor on the maintenance cost only, a savings of \$253,575.39 would be realized by this program.

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

Mayor Armstrong, with Council concurrence, warmly commended Purchasing Agent White and his staff for effecting this program.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. PARTIAL RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION DEPOSITS

Tract No. 32816

Chacksfield Merit Homes Corp. (James Collins)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject bonds be released.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To Furnish Annual Requirements Of Periodical Subscriptions for the Torrance Library System for Calendar Year 1984.

Ref. Bid No. B83-40

Anticipated Expenditure: \$26,648.41

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

Staff members for both the Purchasing Department and the Torrance Public Library have determined the Leigh Railsback Subscription Agency to be the responsible low bidder.

Inasmuch as the Railsback Subscription Agency is the low bidder for this requirement, it is, therefore, recommended that Council award a contract to them to furnish the required periodicals for the calendar year 1984 in the anticipated amount of \$26,648.41.

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Construction of Patterned Concrete Crosswalks in Downtown Torrance at various locations (B83-43).RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Excel Paving Company and that all other bids be rejected.

20d. RENEWAL OF AMTEX WORD PROCESSOR RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH AMERICAN CORPORATION.RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE:

That Council approve the continuing participation in this program for another year with an annual expenditure of \$7,029. Funds are available within the Police Department budget.

20e. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT - Re: Torrance's Continued Participation with City of Los Angeles in Police "WANT WARRANT" Communication System.

Anticipated Annual Expenditure: \$26,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING AGENT:

That Council authorize Torrance's continuing participation in this program for another year with an annual anticipated expenditure expected to be \$26,000.00. Funds are available within the Police Department budget.

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- 20f. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE Budgeted Replacement Water Truck from Dealer Existing Inventory Stock.
Expenditure: \$34,080.00 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT:

That Council authorize the purchase of the new 1981 budgeted replacement water truck from the Paramount Equipment Sales Company of Sylmar, California, for the total amount of \$32,000.00, plus tax, or \$34,080.00, including tax.

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

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The hour being 6:30 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:35 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate asked for Council/Staff volunteers for a serious Softball Team.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert requested Staff report re: proposed plans for a left-turn lane on Pacific Coast Highway at Anza Avenue.

22c. Councilman Rossberg suggested that Skypark Project be considered for a Beautification Award.

22d. Councilman Rossberg referred to Staff communication re: Rami Rodriguez' establishment, and offered the following MOTION: That this matter go directly to the Planning Commission before coming to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22e. Councilman Wirth advised that members of the Transportation Committee and Staff plan to view General Aviation Centers at several airports -- Council approval of an appropriation from General Aviation Funds for this purpose was requested. Councilman Walker so MOVED. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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22f. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff investigation of weed problem on northwest corner at Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue.

22g. Mr. Charles Lobb, 1843 244th Street, reviewed major concerns of amateur radio organizations re: cable channel frequencies. There was further input in this regard from Mr. Keith Brown.

Mr. Larry Windsor, Group W Cable TV, stated that he will follow-through in the alleviation of these concerns. There will be like follow-through by City Manager Jackson and Cable TV Administrator Carter.

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:00 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 7:14 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the matter of the Bonham case. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:15 P.M.
-- adjournment was in memory of Mr. Elmer Mullen.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance