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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 13, 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:

Miss LaBusten led in the salute to the flag

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Ronald Dybvig, Christ the King Lutheran Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of August 16, 1983, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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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:

Met on September 12th; report provided Council.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8b. PRESENTATION TO JOANNE PACILLO:

A plaque in recognition of the accomplishments of Ms. Joanne Pacillo -- U.S. Women's Amateur Golf Champion -- was presented by Mayor Armstrong, with warm congratulations from the Council and all present.

8a. INTERVIEWS FOR APPOINTMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Applicants were: Warner Bergh, Frank Deane, Tom Hazell, Donald Lee, George Nakano and Elizabeth Shaw.

Appointed, by unanimous ballot: Mr. Donald Lee.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. AIRPORT FENCING APPROPRIATION.RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends your Honorable Body appropriate \$30,000 to install 6-foot fencing and gates on Airport Drive between Aeroway and Crenshaw, and direct Staff to begin the bidding process.

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

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BLDG. & SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. RESOLUTION re: Award of Contract to Remodel Personnel Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TRINITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO REMODEL THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER PERSONNEL BUILDING (PERSONNEL MEETING ROOM), ADD FOLDING PARTITIONS, SUSPENDED CEILING, LIGHT FIXTURES, SWITCHES, RECEPTACLES AND ALTER DUCT SYSTEM

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-215. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was noted by Councilman Wirth that he has been advised that Trinity Construction Company has subcontractors who do not pay the local prevailing wage rate. This will be checked out by City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Jackson.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 83-215 was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. RESOLUTION re: Supplemental MOU #1 for Employees represented by the Engineers.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-216

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 THE ENGINEERS, AMENDING RESOLUTION 83-180

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-216. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 14b. RESOLUTION re: Amendment to Externally Funded and Limited Tenure Employees Salary Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES IN WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED AND LIMITED TENURE EMPLOYEES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-217. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 14c. RESOLUTION re: Supplemental MOU #1 for Employees represented by the Torrance Library Employees Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-218

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 THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 83-156

(The effective date should be September 18, 1983, instead of September 11, 1983, per Sr. Management Assistant Rojas.)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-218, as above amended. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 14d. RESOLUTION re: Supplemental MOU #2 for Employees represented by the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association.

RESOLUTION NO 83-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES,

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HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE
TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPER-
VISORY ASSOCIATION, AMENDING
RESOLUTION 83-179

(The effective date should be September 18, 1983,
instead of September 11, 1983, per Sr. Management Assistant
Rojas.)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of
Resolution No. 83-219, as above amended. His motion
was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call
vote was unanimously favorable.

- 14e. RESOLUTION re: Readoption of the Torrance Fire
Fighters Memorandum of Understanding for 1982-84.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH
WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS
FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE
TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 22, 1982 TO
JULY 1, 1984, INCLUDING CERTAIN
CHANGES CONTAINED THEREIN

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of
Resolution No. 83-220. Her motion, seconded by Councilman
Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 14f. RESOLUTION re: Contractual Agreement with John
Frederick Griffin - Home Improvement Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST
A CONTRACT WITH JOHN FREDERICK GRIFFIN
TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONAL AND SUPER-
VISORY SERVICES FOR THE HOME IMPROVE-
MENT PROGRAM DURING FISCAL YEAR
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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-221. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. CUP 83-22, EAGLE TIRE AND SERVICE COMPANY (Mr. Carl Earhart): City Council consideration of an administrative appeal of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the use of trailers as temporary storage in the C-2 zone at 22910 Hawthorne Boulevard.

The request for continuance of the subject hearing to October 25, 1983 was noted. Councilman Applegate MOVED to concur with the request. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

- 15b. ZC 83-2, GPA 83-1, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION AND B.F.M. ENTERPRISES, INC.: Consideration of a Change of Zone from R-1 and R-3 to R-1, R-2, R-3 or R-TH and a General Plan Amendment from Low Density to Low Medium or Medium Density Residential for property on the north side of Emerald Street between Victor Street and Victor City park.

The Planning Department recommends R-1 zoning for the entire area with an R-TH overlay and a Low-Medium Density General Plan designation for the properties fronting on Emerald Street; retention of the R-1 zone and Low Density designation of the lot fronting on Onyx Street is also recommended.

The Planning Commission recommends R-1 zoning on all properties currently zoned R-1 and that the R-3 area be rezoned R-1; they further recommend that the existing General Plan designation of Low Density Residential be retained.

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, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Associate Bihn, invited comments from the audience.

The following speakers requested R-1 zoning on all properties, as recommended by the Planning Commission: Ralph Vroman, 20510 Entradero; Charles Magnuson, 20535 Victor; Spencer Janguard, 4927 Spencer; John Gaeteris, 4823 Onyx Street; Robert Muse, 20509 Entradero; Jim Brown, 20618 Victor; John Mader, 4814 Emerald; Glen Singleton, 20702 Wood Avenue; and Al Baginski, 4910 Emerald Street.

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 Walker that the subject area is a residential R-1 area -- R-3 or any higher density would be inappropriate. Concurrence was indicated by the other members of the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15c. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Illinois Court at 165th Street adjacent to Lot 6, Tract No. 13043, in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 83-206 ordering the vacation of a portion of Illinois Court at 165th Street adjacent to Lot 6, Tract No. 13043 in the City of Torrance.

Proof of Publication was presented by City Clerk Babb. Councilman Applegate moved that it be received and filed; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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

Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, 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. 83-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE
VACATION OF A PORTION OF ILLINOIS
COURT AT 165TH STREET ADJACENT TO
LOT 6, TRACT NO. 13043, IN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

It was stated by City Attorney Remelmeyer at this point that the record clearly reflect that the resolution in the Council's agenda package has been revised on Page 2, Section 4 to state: "That said portion of Illinois Court will be vacated upon the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks."

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-222, as above amended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. VOTING AND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATES -
National League of Cities Annual Congress
of Cities - November 26-30, 1983.

It was the consensus of the Council that Mayor Armstrong serve as Voting Delegate, Councilman Wilson as Alternate Voting Delegate, at the above noted conference. Councilman Applegate so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

17b. PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF NOMINATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE:
That Council appoint the following members of
the Carson-Lomita-Torrance PIC: Jane Lin,
Pamela Smith and Walter Clark.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Nominations Review Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17c. GROUP W. CABLE, INC. OF TORRANCE - Proposed
Channel Lineup and Rate Packaging Structure.

Received and filed by the Council.

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17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3068.

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

A MOTION (procedural) was offered by Councilwoman
Geissert: That Ordinance No. 3068 be adopted at its
second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by
Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as
follows:

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

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At 8:00 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened
as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at
8:01 P.M.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. FINAL TRACT NO. 35047.

Subdivider: Milner Development Corp.
 Engineer: Rogoway-Borkovitz
 Location: So. Side of Spencer Street - 300 feet
 east of Anza
 No. of Lots: Three - 66-unit condo

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Tract No. 35047 be approved.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Madrona Avenue from Carson Street to Sepulveda Boulevard (B83-45).RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to AMAN BROS., INC. and all other bids be rejected; and that \$150,000 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds.

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.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert commended the Parks and Recreation Department production of "Alice in Wonderland" -- "it was an outstanding production."

Noted by Mrs. Geissert was the lack of air conditioning at the Recreation Center and the acute need for the Joslyn Center expansion.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert reported on the recent meeting of the Community Planning Committee re: annexation of Alondra Golf Course, it being the Committee's recommendation: That the issue be tabled and pursued no further. (Written material, of record.)

It was the recommendation of Councilman Rossberg that Mayor Armstrong talk with Supervisor Hahn in an informal manner regarding this subject. Councilman Applegate concurred with this recommendation.

Councilman Walker indicated his dissatisfaction with any thought re: possibility of Alondra Park acquisition, adding that he would not favor discussions with Supervisor Hahn.

Mayor Armstrong acknowledged Mr. Walker's concerns, but indicated that he would have to no objections to an "exploratory talk" with Supervisor Hahn.

22c. Councilman Rossberg extended congratulations to newly appointed Parks and Recreation Commissioner Don Lee.

22d. Councilman Rossberg commended City Clerk Babb and all responsible for the presentation to Joanne Pacillo this date -- Ms. Pacillo is an outstanding young lady.

22e. Councilman Walker reported on his recent speech at a meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons -- he deemed it a "most enjoyable experience."

22f. Councilman Wirth requested Staff review re: the possibility of arranging tours in the Red Car Barns before they are destroyed. It is his opinion that many people would like to take one last look.

22g. Councilman Wirth announced that the Rose Float Association's "Rose Ball" will be held on December 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Torrance.

22h. Distinguished guest, Casey Ryan, was lovingly introduced by his proud grandmother, City Clerk Babb -- a warm welcome was extended this handsome young man.

22i. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff investigation re: alternative recreational facilities for the Pueblo community in view of the proposed development of the American Standard property.

22j. Mr. Charles Campbell, 24215 Ocean Avenue, requested Council approval of a parachute jump in the City of Torrance on October 1, 1983, at 1:00 P.M. at the REXNORD-TRIDAIR facilities. The purpose of the jump, per Mr. Campbell, is for the opening ceremonies of a carnival and open house on this date. Further, Airport Commission and FAA approval have been received, along with verbal approval from the Torrance Tower and written permission from his corporate headquarters and area safety officer, according to Mr. Campbell.

Councilman Applegate deemed this a "special circumstance," where a company is trying to do something worthwhile; all requirements of the City appear to have been met.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to support the endeavors of these people to perform at their company function so long as they meet all the rules, requirements and conditions set forth by the City, specifically as it relates to liability requirements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Council discussion ensued. At Councilman Rossberg's question, City Attorney Remelmeyer responded that the City would obtain a waiver from the parachute jumper and all concerned parties -- proper liability insurance will be mandatory.

Director of Transportation Horkay, at Councilwoman Geissert's question, elaborated on current policy regarding requests of this nature, noting that an ordinance is being prepared for presentation to the Council.

Councilman Wirth indicated his reluctance to approve the request based on insurance reasons and would concur with Staff in this case -- further, there likely would be more such requests, and approval of this might "open the door."

Councilman Wilson indicated concurrence with the remarks of Councilman Wirth -- guidelines are needed; more rationale is needed for this and future requests.

It was the request of City Manager Jackson that, in the event the parachute jump is approved, Staff be directed to return next week with a "confirmation action," outlining the reason for authorization, approval of insurance requirements, etc. It was further stated by Mr. Jackson that it is also the desire of Staff to elaborate on concerns about "opening the door" on parachuting or like events -- criteria should be established.

Mayor Armstrong indicated his reluctance to proceed without guidelines; however, each request must be handled on a "case-by-case" basis, and, in this case, he will vote for approval.

Councilman Applegate's motion to approve the subject request CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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22k. Mayor Armstrong announced that Councilwoman Geissert is now serving as Mayor Pro Tem.

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17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:40 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 9:17 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with MOU to extend Torrance City Attorneys Association MOU for a period of two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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. 83-223

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 THE TORRANCE CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-223. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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Minute Secretary

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James R. Armstrong
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Al Babb
City Clerk of the City of Torrance