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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, October 25, 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:

Boy Scout Troop #310 led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Gordon Dalbey, Seaside Community Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Citizens' Development:

Met on October 24th; will meet again on October 27th (re: Joslyn Center).

Transportation Committee:

Met this date; report provided by Councilman Wirth.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with deep regret, the passing of Miss Donna Terrill, a member of Fire Fighter Jerry Terrill's family. The Mayor directed that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

It was the further direction of Mayor Armstrong that adjournment likewise be dedicated in memory of the gallant forces who have lost their lives in Beirut.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. PROCLAMATION - "Torrance's Safe Schools Week" - October 24-28, 1983.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. TRACT NO. 38906 (Milner-Plone Development Corp.) - One Year Extension.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council approve a one-year extension (to October 20, 1984) to allow the completion of public improvements per Subdivision Agreement dated October 20, 1982.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10b. RESOLUTION re: Purchase and Installation of Electrical Pumping System at the Amie Avenue Sump (Spencer Street and Amie Avenue).

RESOLUTION NO. 83-248

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, APPROVING THE NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL TWO (2) NEW ELECTRICAL SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS AT THE AMIE AVENUE SUMP, AND APPROPRIATING \$70,000 FOR SAID WORK

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-248. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

- 11a. RESOLUTION re: Fire Hydrant Water Service Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY FOR WATER SERVICE TO FIRE HYDRANTS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-249. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. CUP 83-22, EAGLE TIRE AND SERVICE COMPANY (Carl Earhart): City Council consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the use of trailers as temporary storage in the C-2 zone at 22910 Hawthorne Boulevard. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR SIX MONTHS. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE SUBJECT REQUEST.

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 continued public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Assistant Gibson, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Manuel Johnson, 22930 Hawthorne Boulevard, representing Lighting Interiors, owners of the subject trailers, reviewed the downward trend of the economy which necessitated closing their warehouse and the resultant acquisition of a large inventory. Trailers were acquired to store this inventory, per Mr. Johnson, and the ultimate arrangement with Eagle Tire and Service Company for the storage of these trailers. A temporary permit to permit the trailers to remain until January, 1984, was requested by Mr. Johnson.

There being no one else 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.

It was the comment of Councilman Applegate that Mr. Johnson has made a reasonably good statement on his own behalf and the circumstances are understandable. Another three months should not hurt the situation, in Mr. Applegate's opinion, and he MOVED to DENY THE APPEAL and concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Councilman Wirth noted that he had instituted the appeal in this case because residents in the neighborhood behind Eagle Tires and Lighting Interiors felt there was a problem by way of congestion and parking

of many vehicles, some spilling over into the residential neighborhood. Mr. Wirth indicated his understanding of Mr. Johnson's problem, but felt the problems would continue after January.

Councilman Walker indicated that he would support the motion; however, he requested Staff investigation regarding signing in front of Lighting Interiors pertaining to parking for its customers only.

The delay in this case was criticized by Councilman Rossberg.

Roll call vote on Councilman Applegate's motion to deny the appeal and approve the request was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING
A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE
USE OF TRAILERS AS STORAGE IN THE C-2
ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22910
HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
CUP 83-22: EAGLE TIRE AND SERVICE COMPANY

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-250. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Wirth that Staff continue to monitor the situation at Eagle Tire re: parking, trash enclosure, etc. in order to meet the concerns of the residents -- further, that the possible signing violations noted by Councilman Walker be checked out.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

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

See Page 8.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To Furnish Annual Requirements for Miscellaneous Dry Cell Batteries.
Ref. Bid #B83-53 - Anticipated Expenditure: \$9,423.29.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

That Council award an annual contract for the furnishing of the City's annual requirements of Dry Cell Batteries to the low bidder, Battery Specialities Company of Long Beach, California, in the total amount of \$9,423.29 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation on agenda item 20a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

21a. WAIVING OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENT FOR TORRANCE CRAFTSMAN'S GUILD HOLIDAY FAIRE.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that your Honorable Body waive the insurance requirements and grant a "no fee" permit for the posting of signs on City property for the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild with the stipulation that said signs be placed in safe locations as approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

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

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The hour being 7:28 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:30 P.M.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson noted the fact that Chief Nash is beginning his 35th year with the City of Torrance. A further announcement was made by Mr. Jackson -- Building and Safety Director Grippo has successfully completed his probationary period.

22b. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested additional time in the preparation of his report re: touch-and-go operations. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert requested date for dedication of Miramar Park -- Parks and Recreation Director Barnett will follow through on this matter.

22d. Councilman Rossberg announced that the South Bay Cities Association will be meeting on October 27th re: low cost insurance coverage, and recommended that there be appropriate Staff representation at the meeting.

22e. Councilman Wirth noted concerns of North Torrance residents re: noise from Mobil Oil -- Staff has been advised, and "they are on top of the problem."

22f. Mayor Armstrong commended all responsible for the outstanding job on the United Nations Day Reception.

22g. Mayor Armstrong requested that discussions be resumed with the County re: Civic Center site landscaping.

22h. Mayor Armstrong requested a "status report" re: the County's Western Avenue project.

22i. Ms. Billie Rockey reviewed her communication to the Council re: the rat problem in the Sepulveda/Anza area; the lack of County cooperation; the need for an extra trash pickup, etc.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that (1) Ms. Rockey meet with Building and Safety Director Grippo regarding this matter; (2) there be an "information program" devised for citizen information; (3) this be addressed as an immediate kind of problem; and (4) Staff should investigate the problem of the County response to a concerned citizen.

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17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

At 7:47 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:20 P.M. to take the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 83-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-251. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

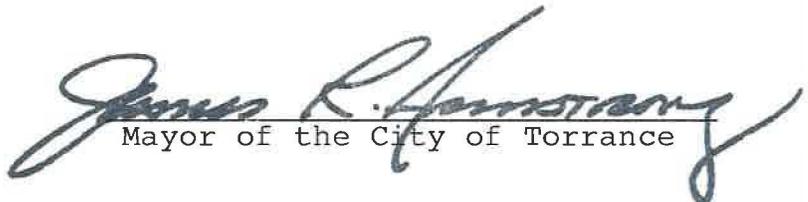
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance