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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, November 8, 1983, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: Councilman Applegate.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Capital Projects Administrator McKinnon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Paul Nakamura, Lutheran Oriental Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 1983, as recorded. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilwoman Geissert 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 (Councilman Applegate absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with deep regret, the death of pioneer Torrance resident, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO ALLAN BUTLER, PARK EQUIPMENT OPERATOR.

A Retirement Plaque was presented to Park Equipment Operator Allan Butler by Mayor Armstrong, with warm congratulations and best wishes, on behalf of the Council.

8b. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO FIRE ENGINEER JULIAN "MAC" OETTING.

The "Fire Fighter of the Year" Award was presented Fire Engineer Oetting by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Torrance Fire Fighters Association. Congratulations were extended by all present.

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. ZC 83-8, JOSEPH BROWN. City Council consideration of a Zone Change from C-R to C-2 at 18208-18260 South Prairie Avenue. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ALSO RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST, BUT WITH A PRECISE PLAN OVERLAY.

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Planning Director Ferren advised that the proponent had indicated he could not be present because of illness in the family but desired that the hearing proceed.

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

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department for approval of ZC 83-8, with a Precise Plan Overlay. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 3077

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 18208-18260 SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE FROM C-R TO ZONE C-2 PP
ZC 83-8: JOSEPH BROWN

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3077 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved (Councilman Applegate absent).

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- 15b. ZC 83-9, D 83-4, GPA 83-3, CUP 83-28 - TRIAD DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC.: City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Zone Change from R-1 to R-3, a Division of Lot to combine two parcels and a vacated right-of-way into one lot, a General Plan Amendment to change the density from Low-Medium to Medium, and a Conditional Use Permit to develop condominiums to allow construction of four residential units at 24454 Neece Avenue. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE APPLICATIONS. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF CUP 83-28, D 83-4, and ZC 83-9 to R-TH, AND THE DENIAL OF GPA 83-3.

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

Councilman Wirth announced that he would ABSTAIN in this matter because of a "potential conflict," and then departed from the Council Chambers.

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.

Speakers were:

Jack Wood, representing the proponent, Triad Design Associates, Inc.: Noted problems associated with the death of applicant, Mr. Thompson, and requested an extension of time. Mr. Wood then indicated concurrence with all conditions. Problems presented by an attempt to divide the property into three parcels for R-1 use were reviewed by this speaker, who also stated that a 4-unit restriction would be acceptable.

Ron Wyatt, 3827 Newton Street: Presented further written material, of record, opposing the subject request. It was the request of Mr. Wyatt that all present in the audience who are opposed to the proposed project indicate same by standing. A substantial number of people did so.

Ms. Marlene Allan, 4086 Newton Street: Reviewed Newton Street traffic problems which will be greatly increased with the impact of additional density.

Ms. Elsie Pestoff: It is desired that this area remain the way it is.

G. Book, 3784 Newton Street: The addition of new residences will add to the environmental problems to some degree -- further, a precedent will be set for development of the neighborhood.

Ms. Ponder, 3815 Newton Street: Noted residential values of the area, and expressed opposition to more density.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Rossberg moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wirth abstained; Councilman Applegate absent).

It was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert that there is no question about the attractive nature of the proposed plans; however, there must be concern about a zone change and a possible halt in plans, along with the precedent-setting aspect of such action. Accordingly, Mrs. Geissert MOVED to concur with the Planning Commission and DENY the subject request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

See Page 10.

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The hour being 7:40 P.M., Mayor Armstrong ordered a 5-minute recess.

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On its return, the Council considered, out of order:

17f. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Single-Camera and Post Production System.

Ref. Bid No. B83-50

Total Expenditure: \$78,118.88

Source of Funding: Group W Equipment Grant

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that bid item numbers 3, 6-8, 10, 12, 14-16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27, 29, & 34 be awarded to American Video Products of Fullerton, California in the total amount of \$50,699.29 including tax.
2. It is recommended that bid item numbers 1, 2, 5, 17 and 26 be awarded to Pacific Video Products of Anaheim, California in the total amount of \$11,034.88 including tax.
3. It is recommended that bid item numbers 4, 31-33 be awarded to Hoffman Video Systems of Los Angeles in the total amount of \$5,977.53 including tax.
4. It is recommended that bid item numbers 9, 11, 21-23, 28 & 30 be awarded to Telaudio Centre of Beverly Hills, California in the total amount of \$10,407.18 including tax.

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

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. PARCEL MAP: 13529 (D80-18)
Subdivider: R.S.S.T. Associates
Location: 3650 Garnet
No. of Lots: 1 (11-Unit Condominium Conversion)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:
That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 13529.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - For Purchase of New Replacement
Fertilizer/Chemical Spreader Body (Only)
Expenditure: \$6,678.50

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:
That Council authorize the purchase of the Replacement
Spreader Body from the Basic Industries Company of
Pixley, California, in the total amount of \$4,725.00
plus tax and mounting charge, or \$6,678.50 total.

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

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At 7:50 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the
Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:51 P.M.

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The regular agenda order was resumed.

17b. ORDINANCE re: Payroll Revolving Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 3078

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING
ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 17 OF DIVISION
2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance
No. 3078 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by
Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously
favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

- 17c. ORDINANCE re: Oil Severance Tax.

ORDINANCE NO 3079

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION
228.14.1 AND REPEALING SECTION 228.14.2
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE
FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE SEVERANCE TAX
FUND AND THE PLACEMENT OF OIL SEVERANCE
TAXES IN THE GENERAL FUND

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3079 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

- 17d. RESOLUTION re: Torrance Information Systems, Inc.
Operational Matters.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ELECTION
OF LEROY JACKSON TO MEMBERSHIP IN
TORRANCE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.,
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-255. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

- 17e. RESOLUTION re: Data Processing Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING A CONTRACT
WITH SOFTWARE SERVICES DIVISION OF THE
ICS GROUP, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$20,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CREATING INVENTORY SYSTEM SOFTWARE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-256. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

17f. Award of Contract for Single-Camera and Post Production System.

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17g. ORDINANCE re: Extension of Four Corners Pipeline Franchise.

ORDINANCE NO. 3080

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING FOR SIX MONTHS THE TERM OF A PIPELINE FRANCHISE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED TO FOUR CORNERS PIPE LINE COMPANY BY ORDINANCE NO. 910 AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3080 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth; Mayor Armstrong.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (for reason of record)
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert discussed the matter of the City Council's role in legislative considerations. A more active role was recommended by Mrs. Geissert.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Wilson that the procedures of the Independent Cities Association Legislative Committee be reviewed.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that this matter be pursued, following input from City Manager Jackson.

22b. Councilman Rossberg noted that plans are under way for the 25th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade. Mr. Rossberg advised that any "good ideas" will be most welcome.

22c. Councilman Rossberg noted that Tommy Sullivan will make a presentation of talking books to the Civic Center Library on Tuesday, November 15th -- hopefully, he will plan

to attend the Council meeting on that date to accept a Proclamation declaring March 17, 1984 as "Tom Sullivan Day." Staff will coordinate this recognition.

22d. Councilman Rossberg reviewed postal problems prevalent in the Riviera section of the City. Further efforts by Staff to correct this problem were requested by Mr. Rossberg.

22e. Councilman Rossberg expressed his appreciation, and that of his wife, June, for the Council's kind remarks last week following his announcement that he will not seek re-election.

Councilman Wilson (absent on that date) added his good wishes at this time.

22f. Mayor Armstrong confirmed that the Council's official photograph has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th, at 5:00 P.M.

22g. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff review with the School District re: preservation of open space left by school sites.

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17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:15 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:25 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur in principle with Memorandum of Intent, per Executive Session discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Applegate).

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It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that he be granted an extension of time for preparation of the touch-and-go ordinance. There were no objections, and it was so ordered. It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that all interested parties be so notified.

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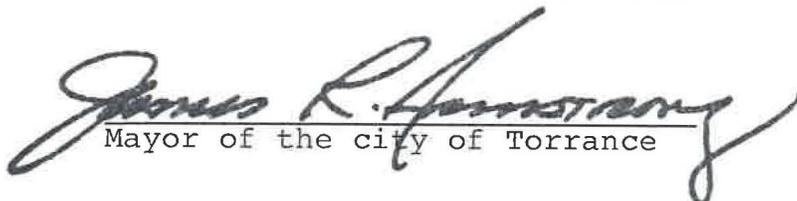
At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, November 15, 1983, at 5:00 P.M. for the official Council photograph. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent). Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson.

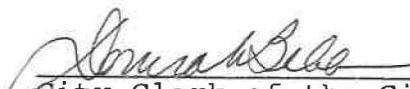
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Mayor of the city of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance