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Ava Cripe  
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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 22, 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 Paul Nakamura, Lutheran Oriental Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of October 25, 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:

Transportation:

Met this date re: General Aviation Center; further meetings will be scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with deep regret, the passing of City employee Roy Fujiwara's father, and directed that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. KASHIWA EDUCATORS DELEGATION

Mrs. Mikko Haggott introduced members of the 1983-84 Kashiwa Educators Delegation -- a warm welcome was extended by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council and all present.

8b. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO PAULA WEISHOFF.

Mayor Armstrong presented, on behalf of the Council, a plaque of commendation to Ms. Paula Weishoff, a member of the U.S.A. Women's Olympic Volleyball Team. Best wishes for great success were extended by the Mayor.

8c. PROCLAMATION - "Christmas Seal Season" -  
November 12 through December 31, 1983.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. DONATION TO TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY BY MR. ALBERT LEVITT.

RECOMMENDATION OF LIBRARY COMMISSION/CITY LIBRARIAN:

That your Honorable Body accept, with thanks Mr. Levitt's generous donation to the Torrance Public Library.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated Staff/Commission recommendation, with an appropriate letter of thanks. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RESOLUTION authorizing Execution of FY 1982-83 UMTA Grant Contracts for Section 5 Transit Operating Assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-265

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION FOR TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR FY 1982-83

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-265. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. RESOLUTION authorizing the Application for FY 1983-84 Federal Operating Assistance under Section 9 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-266

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR AN OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-266. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10c. APPEAL OF ARTHUR L. VALDEZ re: aerobatic ride business.

Held for two weeks.

10d. RICHVILLE DRIVE CATCH BASIN RECONSTRUCTION.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Engineering Department recommends that \$4,500.00 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for the subject project.

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

10e. IMPROVEMENT OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD - Crenshaw Blvd. to Van Ness Avenue. - (Two Resolutions).

RESOLUTION NO. 83-267

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND VAN NESS AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-267. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 83-268

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CONSENT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-268. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:11a. FIRE STATION #6 - Architect Selection.RECOMMENDATION:

The Architectural Review Team recommends that the City Council direct the Team to enter into contract proposal negotiations with CASHION, HORIE, COCKE & GONZALEZ Architects, Inc. to provide architectural services for the design and construction management of Fire Station #6. Contract proposal to be subject to Council approval.

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

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:13a. RESOLUTION re: Award of Contract to Retrofit Air Conditioning Units - East Annex of City Hall.RESOLUTION NO. 83-269

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SOUTH BAY HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, INC. TO RETROFIT EIGHT (8) AIR CONDITIONING UNITS WITH RETURN AIR DUCTS

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-269. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 13b. ANNUAL REPORT 1982-83 - Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Joseph Sullivan, Commission member, verbally elaborated on the accomplishments and dedication of this body. Mayor Armstrong conveyed the commendations of the Council for these efforts.

14. PERSONNEL:

- 14a. REVISION OF EXISTING CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICER.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Management, the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association and the Civil Service Commission jointly recommend approval of this revised class specification for Environmental Quality Officer.

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

- 14b. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYEES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body authorize the issuance of the RFP for Psychological Evaluation of Applicants and Employees in the Police and Fire Departments.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Civil Service Administrator. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14c. ANNUAL REPORT - Civil Service Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to receive and file, with gratitude, the Civil Service Commission's Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. Appointment of Bond Counsel and Investment Banker for the City's Yard, Cable TV Studio and Fire Station Lease Financing.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY/FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the City accept the letter contracts with O'Melveny & Myers to act as bond counsel and Merrill Lynch to be the managing underwriter for the lease financing for improvement to the City Yard and construction of a TV Studio and Fire Station.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Attorney and Finance Director. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. Appointment of Bond Counsel for the Water Revenue Bond Issue.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY/FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the City accept the letter of contract of O'Melveny & Myers to act as Bond Counsel for the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the Water Reservoir and other improvements.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Attorney and Finance Director. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17c. RESOLUTIONS re: the conduct of the 1984 General Municipal Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-270

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED

SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE  
CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY,  
MARCH 6, 1984

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-270. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-271

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE AND THE COSTS OF THE CANDIDATES STATEMENT FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1984

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-271. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17d. UNION OIL COMPANY FRANCHISE.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-272

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO GRANT A FRANCHISE TO UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN PIPELINES AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-272. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Applegate, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Geissert (husband employed by Union Oil Company).

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17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

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At 7:30 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:32 P.M.

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17f. ORDINANCE re: Touch-and-Go Operations at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That your Honorable Body adopt Ordinance B imposing a moratorium on Sundays and Holidays on touch-and-go operations at the Torrance Municipal Airport for a period of six months for the purpose of study, and directing the City Manager to make such study, instead of adopting Ordinance A which would impose a permanent ban on such operations.

Staff presentation, and desired clarification, were provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer, Director of Transportation Horkay, Airport Manager Cagaanan and Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy.

Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Speakers were: Mr. Michael Bedinger, 4011 West 232nd Street, reviewed contents of EIR for the Navajids, and deemed that "the time has come for a stand on the issues with the FAA." Mr. Bernie Hollander, 22959-B Nadine Circle, recommended that there be a minimum one-year period for necessary study to reflect a valid test of the operation. Mr. Jim Frasso, 23007 Kent Avenue, stated that the six-month trial period is completely out of order, and Ordinance B is not favored. It was the request of Mr. Frasso that the Council "ban and go along with what you voted on three or four weeks ago."

The last speaker was Mr. Joe Arcuich, 23521 Kathryn Avenue, who reaffirmed his written comments (of record) urging the banning of touch-and-go operations.

It was the comment of Councilman Walker that if the City's ability to control the Airport is to be

protected, the necessary documentation must be developed as outlined by the City Attorney -- to do otherwise would be a step backward. Mr. Walker stated that he would support the six-month moratorium because it is the wise thing to do.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve Ordinance B. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Following discussion, modifications to the ordinance were evolved by City Attorney Remelmeyer, as shown below:

Section 51.5.5:

(Next to last line) - "....no touch-and-go operations, stop-and-go operations or low approaches shall be permitted on the Airport on Sundays."

Section 51.5.6:

(Next to last line) - "...no touch-and-go operations, stop-and-go operations or low approaches shall be permitted on the Airport on any of said holidays."

Councilman Walker restated his MOTION: To approve Ordinance B, as above modified, it being implicit in the motion that Staff is to initiate the recommended study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3081

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 51.5.5 AND 51.5.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON TOUCH-AND-GO OPERATIONS, STOP-AND-GO OPERATIONS, OR LOW APPROACHES AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR A SIX MONTHS' PERIOD, AND DIRECTING THAT A STUDY BE MADE IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH

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Councilman Walker moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3081 (Ordinance B, as modified) at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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The hour being 8:35 P.M., Mayor Armstrong ordered a 10-minute recess.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION to Relocate a Portion of the Entrance Bench Wall and Ramp and Install a Low Barrier Pipe Railing on three sides of the Civic Center Library.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:  
That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the general contractor, Collins, McPherson & Chapman (CMC), and that the City Clerk be directed to file Notice of Completion.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To Rebuilding Hi-Ranger Unit (Manned Aerial Lift) to conform to State and Federal Safety Standards.  
Expenditure: \$26,700.00  
Funding: 1983-84 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:  
That Council authorize the rebuilding of our existing Hi-Ranger unit for the anticipated amount of \$26,700.00, and for the work to be performed by the sole Southern California authorized Hi-Ranger dealer - the Telelect West Company of Baldwin Park, California.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson advised that employee groups have requested permission to have a "Christmas tree of canned goods" for needy families. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22b. City Manager Jackson noted the traditional Council "dark night" between Christmas and New Years -- it was the direction of the Council that December 27, 1983 be a "dark night."

22c. City Manager Jackson noted that he will be out of town next week, attending the National League of Cities meeting, and, in his absence, Capital Projects Administrator McKinnon will serve as Acting City Manager.

22d. Councilman Applegate reviewed recent correspondence from Santa Monica Councilman Jennings re: appointment of incumbent to Coastal Commission.

Council discussion ensued, but no formal action was taken.

22e. Councilman Applegate noted that the annual Harry Sutter Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving Day; an outstanding event is anticipated.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert announced that City Manager Jackson will be the speaker at the Torrance Coordinating Council meeting on November 23rd.

22g. Councilwoman Geissert noted citizen concern re: sidewalks in front of the Treasury building -- Sr. C.E. Associate Perkins advised that the work has been held up until after the holidays.

22h. Councilwoman Geissert requested that Staff review the matter of posting street numbers in front of governmental buildings in the City.

22i. Councilman Rossberg reviewed comments made at a recent South Bay Cities meeting re: testing of toxic chemicals -- also reviewed by Mr. Rossberg was his forthcoming trip to Washington, D.C. re: Armed Forces Day Parade.

22j. Councilman Walker requested appropriate recognition for Environmental Quality Officer Cleveland, retiring after 27 years with the City. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22k. Councilman Wirth recommended that President Reagan be invited to participate in the Armed Forces Day Parade.

22l. Councilman Wirth noted that the Rose Ball will be held on December 2nd at the Holiday Inn.

22m. Mayor Armstrong discussed Cable TV legislation and possible impacts on the City of Torrance.

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17e. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:20 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: litigation, returning at 9:40 P.M. No action was taken.

At 9:41 P.M. Councilman Walker moved to adjourn to Tuesday, December 6, 1983, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Fujiwara.

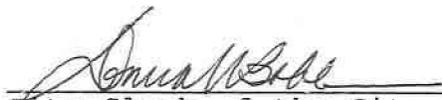
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance