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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, December 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:

Street Superintendent Richard Garcia led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Captain Robert Johnson, Salvation Army, gave the invocation.

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At this time the presentation of a check in the amount of \$2000 for the Salvation Army's Senior Citizen Day Care Center was presented Captain Johnson by Karl and Peggy Doll -- this generous contribution was most gratefully accepted by Captain Johnson.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of the minutes of November 1, 1983 and November 8, 1983, as recorded. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RESOLUTION commending David Cleveland.RESOLUTION NO. 83-273

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING DAVID
CLEVELAND UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICER OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-273. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8b. RESOLUTION commending Retired Senior Volunteer Program South Bay.RESOLUTION NO. 83-274

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
COMMENDING THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER
PROGRAM SOUTH BAY FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS
IN VOLUNTEER WORK

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-274. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8c. PRESENTATION TO MRS. HAROLD LINDBORG.

Mayor Armstrong presented posthumously to Mrs. Lindborg a Community Service Award Plaque in recognition of Harold Lindborg's dedicated contribution to the Water Commission and to the community. The Mayor stated, "He will be deeply missed," and all present concurred.

8d. PRESENTATION FROM GROUP W CABLE, INC. TO EL CAMINO COLLEGE AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Presentation of a check in the amount of \$140,582.00 was made by Group W. Cable, Inc. to El Camino College and the City of Torrance for television production equipment -- this is in support of Group W's continuing commitment for local programming in the Torrance system -- and was most gratefully accepted.

8e. DONATION BY TORRANCE SERTOMA CLUB.

The donation of two Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf to the Police and Fire Departments by the Torrance Sertoma Club was accepted with much pleasure and gratitude.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with Torrance Area Youth Bands.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1983-84

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-275. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 9b. LIBRARY AUTOMATED CIRCULATION SYSTEM - Bid No. B83-51.
Bid No. B83-51.

(Note: Typographical error in Staff material - page 2, under Universal Library Systems of Washington, Inc. -- the correct price is \$100,000 (rather than \$200,000).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Automated Circulation System Committee recommends that Council authorize elimination from further consideration the proposals submitted by:

OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc.
Systems Control, Inc.

Universal Library Systems of Washington, Inc.

AND that Council approve review of proposals with the remaining bidders:

C.L. Systems, Inc.

DataPhase, Inc.

Hewlett-Packard, Inc.

The Circulation System Committee expects to return to Council by January 3, 1984, with a request for authorization to negotiate a contract to install an Automated Circulation System.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Automated Circulation System Committee. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. REQUEST OF ARTHUR L. VALDEZ to operate an aerobatic ride business from his leased hangar at Torrance Municipal Airport.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends denial of Mr. Valdez' application because the proposed operation is not consistent with current policy regarding hangar leases.

AIRPORT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the application and referral to the City Staff for renegotiation of the Valdez lease.

Mr. Arthur Valdez, 24050 Madison, was present to describe his facilities at the Airport, and to provide desired clarification relative to the requested aerobatic ride business.

Staff input was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay.

It was the comment of Councilman Walker that he can see no difficulty in allowing this type of use to go in, particularly with the requirement that there be a one-year review period.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission for approval of Mr. Valdez' request, subject to review in one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the above motion, Council discussion ensued. It was the recommendation of Councilman Applegate that there be an additional condition which would prohibit Mr. Valdez from participating in any activity which would lead to the issuance of a pilot's license. Councilman Walker, the maker of the motion, indicated concurrence with this condition, as did Councilman Wilson who seconded the motion.

Councilman Wirth stated that the Council has a responsibility to support Staff in this matter, and offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the Council concur with the Staff recommendation for DENIAL of the subject application. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, with the comment that "flight instruction" is difficult to define and presents problems of interpretation and enforcement.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION, to concur with Staff, FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION, for approval of the request, subject to one year review and appropriate lease conditions, CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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10b. TRAFFIC COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT - 1982-83.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file the Annual Report of the Traffic Commission for 1982-83. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The specific recommendations of the Traffic Commission were noted by Mayor Armstrong who directed that Staff review this matter for possible implementation of same.

10c. RESOLUTION re: California Energy Commission Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-276

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FOR A FUEL EFFICIENT TRAFFIC SIGNAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-276. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10d. RESOLUTION re: Repair and Restoration of Well No. 5.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS OF 22.2.1 THROUGH 22.3.16 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22.3.12 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND SECTION 1450 OF THE CHARTER, AND AUTHORIZING REPAIR WORK ON WATER WELL NO. 5

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-277. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10e. CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND STORM DRAIN
IN SKYPARK DRIVE FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO
GARNIER STREET - (B83-09).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the Council approve the increase to the contract cost by an amount of \$47,208.11.

2. That the Council approve an increase of \$2,000 to the maximum of \$9,942.20 for a new maximum of \$11,942.20 in the agreement between the City of Torrance and Associated Soils Engineering, Inc. approved at the June 14, 1983 Council meeting.

FINANCE NOTE:

This project is funded from a combination of appropriations from State Gas Tax and Airport funds. At the time of completion and final acceptance of the work, it may be necessary to request supplemental cleanup appropriations for final costs. This is not uncommon for a project of this size.

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

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. APPEAL OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTION sustaining the medical disqualification of Jon Ziegler for the position of Groundskeeper.

Staff presentation was provided by Workers' Compensation Program Administrator Ruiz.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that there be an Executive Session before the Council makes its decision.

Appellant Jon Ziegler reviewed the history of his case, the medical findings, etc. (per material of record) -- he is of the opinion that he is capable of performing the job of Groundskeeper and does not believe that he has a back problem.

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The Council recessed in Executive Session at this time (the hour being 6:35 P.M.) They returned at 6:55 P.M.

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Councilwoman Geissert stated that she favored granting the appeal, based on the work experience of the appellant in this case -- there is sufficient evidence in the medical material, of record, to justify this. Also noted by Mrs. Geissert was Mr. Ziegler's willingness to work and to accept challenges -- these traits should be rewarded.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to grant the subject appeal. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was stated by Councilman Applegate that, in his opinion, this is a unique case and is not of a precedent-setting nature -- the demonstrated ability and the track record of Mr. Ziegler, by way of his past job performance, has been a major determining factor. It was further noted by Mr. Applegate that some of the work currently performed by Mr. Ziegler requires the lifting of items that would be of the same weights that the new job would entail.

Councilman Rossberg commended Mr. Ziegler for his desire to work and to improve himself -- his "no" vote was for the reason that he found it difficult to vote against good legal advice.

Congratulations were expressed by Mayor Armstrong who concurred with Councilman Applegate's comments re: the uniqueness of this case --the Civil Service Commission should not take this as any kind of a signal that the Council is looking at a "new turn;" this has been an individual case, judged on its own merit.

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- 14b. RESOLUTION re: Readoption of Memorandum of Understanding for Crossing Guards.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-278

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 13, 1983. TO AUGUST 31, 1985

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-278. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. V 83-3 LUZ BURNS: Apporval of a Variance to allow a commercial use in an R-1 zone at 25506 Crenshaw Boulevard. THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND DENIAL OF THE VARIANCE. (Continued public hearing from November 15, 1983.)

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Edward Sierra, 8484 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, attorney for the proponent, requested, and received, clarification pertaining to condition requiring an avigation easement. Mr. Sierra voiced his objections to this condition, but would accept it if imposed.

Mz. Luz Burns expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and Council, as well as the many Staff members, for the valuable help and assistance she has received. Best wishes for the holidays were also conveyed by Ms. Burns.

There being no one else present 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.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to grant the subject appeal and approve V 83-3, subject to all conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-279

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW A COMMERCIAL USE IN AN R-1 ZONE AT 25506 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD - V 83-3: LUZ BURNS

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-279. Her motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a.
- ORDINANCE
- re: State Mandated Amendment to Sales Tax Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 3082

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 220.3.14, 220.3.15 AND 220.3.16 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES RESULTING FROM A CHANGE IN STATE LAW

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3082 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17b.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
- re: Litigation.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 18a.
- ORDINANCE NO. 3081.

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 AND LOW APPROACHES AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR A SIX MONTHS' PERIOD, AND DIRECTING THAT A STUDY BE MADE IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3081 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Furnishing and Installing Security Gate System at the Torrance Airport.
Ref. Bid No. B83-46
Expenditure: \$11,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council authorize the installation of the security gate system which would be operated by the already purchased card access control system from the low bidder, the Truline Fence Company of Calabasas, California, for the total bid amount of \$11,000.00 including all costs.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of a budgeted new Street Sweeper for Torrance Airport as a Special Opportunity Purchase.
Expenditure: \$63,887.22 (including tax)
Funding: To be from Airport Fund.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council authorize the purchase of a new, budgeted, mobile street sweeper utilizing a special price secured by Staff as a "Special Opportunity Price" -- and that Council authorize an award of contract for the purchase of the sweeper to the sole Southern California dealer, the Nixon-Egli Equipment Company, in the amount of \$59,988.00 plus tax (or \$63,887.22 including tax).

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish Annual Requirements of various continuous form Computer Paper.
Ref. Bid No. B83-66
Expenditure: \$21,927.99

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

That Council award an annual contract for the furnishing of the City's requirements of continuous form computer print-out papers for bid items #1 through #9 (per Staff report, of record), to the low bidder of those items - the Willamette Industries, Inc. Company of Cerritos, California, in the total amount of \$21,927.99 including tax. It is further recommended that bid items #10 and #11 not be awarded and the bid for those items be rejected.

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

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

21a. RESOLUTION re: TPSA Supplemental #3.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-280

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 PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION 83-179

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 83-280. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 7:10 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:11 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson noted, with pleasure, the return to work of new mother, Liz Rojas, and of Director of Building and Safety Ralph Grippo. A warm "welcome back" was extended by the Council.

22b. Councilman Rossberg reported on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. regarding the Armed Forces Day Parade.

22c. Councilman Rossberg requested Staff review of the January 17th Council agenda, keeping it as light as possible, in order that Councilmembers might attend Supervisor Dana's meeting also scheduled that date.

22d. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition of President Gerth, Dominguez Hills University, who is being transferred to the Sacramento area.

22e. Councilman Wirth reported that the recent Rose Ball was an outstanding success.

22f. City Clerk Babb advised that interviews for Commission appointments have been scheduled for the January 10th meeting of the Council.

22g. Mayor Armstrong reported on matters considered at the recent National League of Cities meeting, with particular note of cable television legislation.

22h. Mr. Bernie Hollander questioned the condition of the sidewalks in front of the Treasury building, as well as the matter of the City recovering the cost of the repair of the "sinking slab" in front of City Hall.

Staff will report back, and a copy of the report will be provided Mr. Hollander.

22i. Councilman Rossberg requested Staff investigation re: the road in back of the Treasury building re: intended barriers and possible liability.

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17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: Litigation, returning at 8:20 P.M. to take the following action:

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

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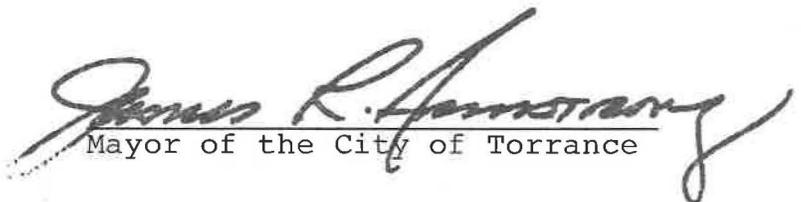
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

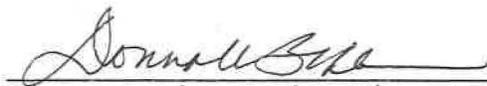
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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance