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Adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 1979, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Nelson. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. A.C. Klein, Southern California Gas Company, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Boyd Kifer, Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 1978, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No reports.

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9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER #1 WILSON PARK.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR/
PARK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR/BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the City Council approve the additions and deductions included in Change Order #1, and approve the expenditure of \$3,397 to pay for the amount added to the contract.

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

9b. RESOLUTION re: Grant Fund Applications - Sur La Brea and Sunnyglen Parks.RESOLUTION NO. 79-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE APPLICA-
TIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE ROBERTI-
Z'BERG URBAN OPEN-SPACE AND RECREATION
PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUR LA BREA
AND SUNNYGLEN PARKS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-1. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Repair of Storm Drain Channel - 234th Street/Ocean Avenue/Evalyn Street. (B78-61)RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor.

(Note: Supplementary Material on Item 10A should be revised to state: "168 C.Y." and the final total should be \$23,300.25, per City Engineer Weaver.)

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, with the above noted amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. LETTER FROM ALBERT ISEN re: Zoning and Parking Concerns - Downtown Torrance.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the matter be referred to the Planning Department, Redevelopment Staff and the City Attorney for appropriate

evaluation and analysis with input from the PAC and Planning Commission. Following such an analysis the matter will be returned to the City Council for consideration.

Mr. Albert Isen, 1616 Gramercy Avenue, was present to reaffirm the concerns expressed in his communication, of record. It was the request of Mr. Isen that he be provided with the recommendations of the above noted bodies when available.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager, and directed that the matter be returned in 60 days -- further, that there be Staff input re: availability of other parking downtown. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12b. RESOLUTION re: Grant Agreement with Torrance Unified School District Children's Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT
CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE GRANT
OF DAY CARE EXPENSES FOR TARGET AREA
CHILDREN AT THE TUSD CHILDREN'S CENTER

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-2. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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12c. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL of a request for Planning Commission Review to allow construction of a two-story office building in the C-2 zone at 3620 Pacific Coast Highway - PCR 78-11, KENNETH E. HIRAI, with traffic study from Department of Transportation.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That left turn access at the Ward/Pacific Coast Highway/242nd Street intersection be limited and that Ward Street access be denied from the Hirai property. An optional Pacific Coast Highway driveway to the Hirai property is included in Option A.

Planning Director Shartle confirmed concurrence with the above stated recommendation.

Staff presentation was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay.

Following discussion and clarification, Councilman Rossberg MOVED to concur with the Department of Transportation, with the direction that the department's recommendations go to the Traffic Commission, directing Staff to hold concurrent discussions with CALTRANS regarding this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Mr. Robert Newhard, 24451 Ward Street, questioned the merit of further hearings before the Traffic Commission.

Roll call vote on Councilman Rossberg's motion was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion was now directed to the subject plan.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with Planning Department recommendation for approval, subject to conditions #1 through #13, and subject to Department of Transportation conditions 1,2 and 3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Walker: Concurrence with Planning Department, subject to conditions, deleting condition #2 "That there be no access to or from Ward Street"; further subject to Department of Transportation condition #2: "That any access to and from Pacific Coast Highway, including the alley, be restricted to Right Turn Only ingress and egress;", deleting Traffic conditions #1 and #3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg with the request that it be amended to include the requirement that the proponent close the Ward Street driveway if parking or safety problems should occur. This amendment was acceptable to Councilman Walker, the maker of the substitute motion.

The proponent, Mr. Kenneth Hirai, confirmed that in the event of Ward Street problems, they would do as advised by the City, per the amended motion.

Residents Avery Timms, 24213 Ward Street, and Bob Newhard, 24451 Ward Street, reviewed the as yet undetermined use of the property, the inevitable parking problems, the heavy Pacific Coast Highway traffic, the alley impact, etc.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Walker further amended his SUBSTITUTE MOTION, as follows: Add Department of Transportation condition #3: "That if access to the alley is provided, the alley be widened between the access and Pacific Coast Highway to a width of 25 feet, any cost to be borne by the developer." This met with approval of Councilman Rossberg who had seconded the substitute motion.

and ordinance requirements
Further comments relative to traffic concerns were forthcoming at this time from Chuck Cordero, 24221 Ward Street; Jim Johnson, 24218 Ward Street; and Robert Flores, 24205 Ward Street.

THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION, as amended, CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg, Walker,
Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert, Mayor
Armstrong.

Further action is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that the matter for the Traffic Commission (per earlier Council action) be processed and brought back to the Council in no more than sixty days. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a.
- ORDINANCE
- extending provisions of the current TMEO Memorandum of Understanding.

ORDINANCE NO. 2891

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING SECTION 17.107.1 OF PART X OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS OF EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2891 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 14b.
- RESOLUTION
- re: CETA Multi-Occupational Training Programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEREBY CITY WILL PAY THE COSTS FOR MULTI-OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979 UNDER TITLE III OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-3. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 14c.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
- re: Wages, Hours and Working Conditions.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a.
- EXPIRATION OF V.E. NOBLE AIRPORT LEASE
- , 2936 Fairchild Apron.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND V.E. NOBLE, AN INDIVIDUAL, DOING BUSINESS AS AERO ADVERTISING COMPANY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-4. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brown that the rental rate be \$250 per month for the 90-day extension period. Mr. Art Valdez, 24050 Madison Street, an applicant in this matter, indicated concurrence with Councilman Brown's recommendation.

Councilwoman Geissert so amended her motion for adoption of Resolution No. 79-4, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

20a. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body approve On-The-Job Training Contract with Anderson's Plumbing Company and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Manpower Programs Administrator. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:00 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:01 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro announced the imminent departure of Assistant to the City Manager Greg Meyer for the City of Coachella where he will be "City Manager Meyer" -- congratulations were extended Greg by Mr. Ferraro with acknowledgment of his outstanding capabilities and talents. These sentiments were unanimously concurred in by the members of the Council. Greg expressed his appreciation for the support and cooperation afforded him.

22b. Councilman Applegate commended the fine efforts of the Rose Float Association and the success of the City of Torrance float -- first place in its population division. The Council joined in these congratulations to all responsible for this achievement.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert requested appropriate recognition for those responsible for the successful thwarting of the attempted burglary of the market at Crenshaw and 235th Street.

22d. Councilman Wilson praised the Fire Fighter training program for the teaching of Spanish to Paramedics via Battalion Chief Salcido -- appropriate acknowledgment of this contribution was requested by Dr. Wilson.

22e. Recognition of the outstanding community efforts of the Riviera Garden Club was also requested by Councilman Wilson.

22f. Mayor Armstrong expressed Happy New Year wishes and indicated his optimism for a productive and rewarding 1979.

22g. Mr. Peter Leonard 20837 Felker Drive, made formal application for appointment to the Environmental Quality Commission at this time in that he will be unable to be present on January 9th, the date scheduled for Commission interviews.

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14c. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding Wages, Hours and Working Conditions.

At 7:15 P.M., the Council recessed for the purpose of an Executive Session, returning at 7:53 P.M. No action was taken and the meeting was formally adjourned.

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SHERIE L. NELSON, Clerk of the
City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance