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Adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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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, March 27, 1979, at 7:00 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, Deputy City Attorney Freeman, and City Clerk Nelson. Absent: City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Planning Commissioner Ritchie led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Robert Marshall, Coastline Church of Christ.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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:

Community Planning:

April 5th at 5:00 P.M. re: proposed building heights for residential land uses.

April 11th at 5:00 P.M. re: trash transfer station.

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Finance Committee:

March 28th at 5:00 P.M. re: Minute Secretaries.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. ARCO JESSE OWENS GAMES WEEK - April 7-14, 1979.

8b. 25TH ANNIVERSARY - U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY - April 1, 1979.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. TRAVEL REQUEST BY TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL TO ATTEND JUNIOR STATE CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO APRIL 20-22, 1979.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Park and Recreation Department be authorized to spend \$1,167 from the current Youth Council budget.

Staff concurs with the recommendation of Youth Council and upon approval of your Honorable Body will make the necessary arrangements.

Youth Council president David Maupin, and representative Youth Council members, were present to urge Council approval of the subject travel request.

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

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. DISPOSITION OF A NON-ACCESS STRIP OF ALLIENE AVENUE AND 238TH STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Council find the existence of the non-access strip to be of no further use to the City and direct the City Attorney to prepare a quitclaim deed to convey it to the adjacent landowner. Further, that the City Attorney be directed to prepare and secure the adjacent landowner's agreement to a suitable instrument assuring that the three residentially zoned parcels will not be used for either parking or access to the commercial property.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:12a. RESOLUTION re: V 78-5, Casady Engineering Associates.RESOLUTION NO. 79-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY CASADY ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES (NOTIFIER COMPANY) IN PLANNING CASE NO. V 78-5

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-59. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

12b. RESOLUTION re: PP 78-40, Roland L. Walby.RESOLUTION NO. 79-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW A ONE-STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT AT 3002 CAROLWOOD LANE  
PP 78-40, ROLAND L. WALBY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-60. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12c. NOMINATION OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

Concurrence with the nomination of Torrance High School to the National Register of Historic Places.

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

12d. RESOLUTION re: Energy Conservation Program Grant Proposal.RESOLUTION NO. 79-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ESTABLISH AN ENERGY CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION AREA WITHIN THE PROPOSED DOWNTOWN TORRANCE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-61. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12e. SELECTION OF CONSULTING ARCHITECT FOR DOWNTOWN TORRANCE DESIGN STUDY.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That the architectural firm of Neil Stanton Palmer be selected as the consultant for the Downtown Torrance Design Study, and that a contract be prepared for Council approval.

Referral of this matter to the Agency Selection Committee was recommended by Councilman Brown -- he so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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Taken by the Council, out of order, at this time:

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Mayor Armstrong announced that the Urban Mass Transportation Administration has approved the City of Torrance grant request -- further assistance has been offered by Congressman Glenn Anderson in future transit development projects. Appreciation for the Congressman's support, present and future, was expressed by Mayor Armstrong, and Staff was requested to work as closely as possible with Congressman Anderson.

22b. The Town Hall meeting for citizen input regarding the 1979-80 budget on March 29th at 7:00 P.M. was noted by Mayor Armstrong.

The hour of 7:30 P.M. having arrived, as advertised for the public hearings, Council consideration was directed to:

15. HEARINGS:

15a. ZC 78-28, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Initiation by the Torrance Planning Commission for a change of zone from R-3 to P-U zone on property located on the west side of Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Via Riviera. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing. Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate Progen, with the request that the Staff recommendation be amended to exclude the northernmost lot (Lot 2, Tract 10303) in the subject area in that that lot is currently under litigation -- the remainder of the property is the County parking lot and the County beach area and is recommended for P-U zoning.

Mr. Richard Reardon, 1806 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, requested, and received, clarification pertaining to the subject zone change.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Rossberg moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 78-28, as above amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15b. ZC 78-27, PETER POZZUOLI. Request for approval of a change of zone from R-3 to R-3 PD on property located at the southeast corner of 171st Street and Yukon Avenue.  
PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson, 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 comments were invited at this time.

Councilman Brown reviewed the guest parking space requirements and questioned the adequacy of same. Further Staff study in this regard was requested.

The project architect, Mr. Bruno Bernauer, was present to provide any desired clarification, noting that 3 guest parking spaces have been provided and that an additional 2 stalls could be arranged by decreasing some of the open space.

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

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 78-27, subject to the requirement that there be not less than 5 guest parking spaces. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. ORDINANCE re: Reduction of Vending Machine License Tax.ORDINANCE NO. 2900

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 33.5.7, 33.5.8, 33.5.9 AND 33.5.10 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REDUCE CERTAIN LICENSE FEES FOR COIN OPERATED VENDING MACHINES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2900 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. RESOLUTION re: Airport Rental Agreement - Arthur L. Valdez and Keith Nelson -- Request for waiver of advertising.RESOLUTION NO. 79-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN RENTAL AGREEMENT, DATED APRIL 1, 1979, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ARTHUR L. VALDEZ AND KEITH NELSON

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-62. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion was directed to the requested waiver of advertising. Concern was expressed by Councilman Brown who offered the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the standard practice be followed and that there be advertising re: the premises for lease. THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Representing CHAT, Mrs. Pat Uerkwitz, 23136 Anza Avenue, posed questions pertaining to the total number of aircraft at the Airport, economic impacts, implementation of the Master Plan, inclusion of the word "maintenance" in the subject lease, etc. Clarification was provided by Staff; Mrs. Uerkwitz will be provided with further written material.

Mr. Arthur Valdez reported on negotiations with Mr. Noble; they have essentially taken over Mr. Noble's hangar -- were the lease to terminate or should there be readvertising, the advertising could not be for a hangar space but only for vacant space.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 79-62 was as follows:

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

19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:19a. SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY, SOUTH CITY BOUNDARY.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY:

That your Honorable Body direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to advise the Local Agency Formation Commission that the City of Torrance does not wish to be considered at this time as having a sphere of influence which would include any of the County territory on the southern boundary of the City.

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

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT for annual requirements of Custodial Supplies. Ref. Bid No. B79-13. Anticipated Expenditure: \$31,842.19.RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council approve of the award of the following contracts (per bid item material, of record):

1. To Empire Chemical Company for bid item #21 in the amount of \$1923.26.
2. To First Company for bid items 3,5,6,8,11,13,14,16, 18-20, 23-29, 31,34,36, 38-40, 42,43 and 47 in the amount of \$13,119.77.
3. To California Correctional Industries, Inc. for bid item #37 in the amount of \$943.82.
4. To Foremost Maintenance Supply Company for bid items 2,22,33,35 and 44-46 in the amount of \$6254.17.
5. To National Sanitary Supply Company for bid items 9,30 and 41 in the amount of \$5018.58.
6. To Vernon Sanitation Supply Company for bid items 1,4,7,10,12,15 and 17 in the amount of \$3982.84.
7. To Zellerbach Paper Company for bid item #32 in the amount of \$599.75.

20b. 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.

20c. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT for Emulsion Oil.

Ref. Bid #B79-17 Estimated Expenditure: \$8,718.50.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body approve the award of an Annual Contract for Emulsion Oil to the low bidder, Edgington Oil Company, in the total amount of \$8,718.50, including sales tax.

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

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The hour being 8:05 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:30 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.)

22c. Police Chief Nash announced that his department would hold an Auction on March 31st at 9:30 A.M.

22d. Councilman Applegate requested further Staff input regarding sewer charges proposed by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22e. Appropriate recognition for State Soccer champions was requested by Councilman Applegate, who further noted that a professional soccer game will be held at West High on April 1st.

22f. Councilman Brown requested Staff investigation regarding complaint about early commercial trash pickups at a shopping center at 190th and Anza -- preparation of appropriate legislation was also requested by Mr. Brown.

22g. Councilman Brown directed that a resolution reflecting concerns of record relative to consolidation of services as recommended by the Los Angeles City/County Consolidation Commission be prepared.

22h. Councilman Rossberg recommended that appropriate communications go forward to other officials at all levels of government regarding "fiscal frustrations" of this Council.

22i. An appropriate proclamation declaring April 18th as "Energy Fair Day" for Torrance was requested by Councilman Rossberg.

22j. Councilman Wilson noted recent communication from Dr. E.J. Volpicelli and requested Council review of the concerns expressed therein. City Manager Ferraro noted that this matter is currently under consideration in the courts, as well as the fact that City Attorney Remelmeyer is presently out of the City, and requested that this matter be deferred until his return. The Council concurred in the course of action recommended by the City Manager.

22k. Mayor Armstrong requested that the usual resolution commending 10-year employees with the School District be prepared. Resolution No. 79-63 was assigned by City Clerk Nelson for this purpose.

221. Mrs. Pat Uerkwitz returned for further information relative to the Arthur Valdez Airport Lease (Item #17b). There was clarification by Land Management Team Executive Officer Payne regarding the basis of the rental charged.

22m. Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, noted a problem of noisy trash pickups at the Civic Center Library and Benstead Plunge, and requested Staff investigation of this site, along with that noted on Item 22f.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance.

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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