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Adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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Minute Secretary

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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, April 17, 1979, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: Councilman Wilson.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Planning Commissioner Alter led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Harold M. Slusher, Walteria United Methodist Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Brown 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 Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Citizens Development:

April 19, 1979 - 4:00 P.M. with Torrance Unified School District.

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Public Safety:  
April 25th at 4:30 P.M.

Community Planning:  
April 26th - 5:00 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION - National Secretaries Week -  
April 22-28, 1979

8b. PROCLAMATION - Public Schools Week - April 22-28, 1979.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8c. FORMAL SIGNING OF CONTRACT WITH BANK OF AMERICA.

Representatives of the Bank of America were introduced by Mr. Bret Schwartz of the Del Amo Financial Center Branch for the formal signing of a contract between the Bank of America and the City of Torrance for initiation of a Rehabilitation Loan Program for Income Properties. Mayor Armstrong joined in this auspicious ceremony.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Asphalt Overlay of Del Amo Boulevard from Crenshaw Boulevard to Van Ness Avenue (B79-24)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Vernon Paving Company, pending approval by HUD.

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

10b. PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOUNDARIES - Underground Utility Districts #9 and #10.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

1. The City Council set May 8, 1979 at 7:00 P.M. as the date and time for a public hearing on this matter;
2. The City Council direct the City Clerk to notify all property owners in the affected areas;
3. The City Council designate the Hawthorne Boulevard project from Torrance Boulevard to Lomita Boulevard as amended District #9; and the Lomita Boulevard, Hawthorne Boulevard south of Lomita Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway from Ocean Avenue to Ladeene Avenue as amended District #10.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. SELECTION OF A CONSULTANT FOR THE DOWNTOWN DESIGN STUDY.

RECOMMENDATION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SELECTION COMMITTEE:

This Committee recommends the selection of Neil Stanton Palmer as the consulting architect/urban designer for the Downtown Torrance Design Study.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the Committee's recommendation. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

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14b. RESOLUTION re: Juvenile Diversion Case Worker and Juvenile Diversion Coordinator.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.1 OF  
RESOLUTION NO. 78-176

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-74. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

14c. RESOLUTION re: CETA/TUSD Vocationally Oriented Remedial Education Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEREBY CITY WILL PAY THE  
COSTS OF AN INSTRUCTOR FOR A REMEDIAL  
EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT  
NOT TO EXCEED \$3,165

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-75. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1978-79 EMPLOYEE SALARY AND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS.RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That appropriations be approved for final 1978-79 salary and benefit adjustments as follows:

1. \$364,134 from the Reserve for Accrued Sick Leave for sick leave conversions;
2. \$59,600 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for management employee adjustments.

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

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2901.ORDINANCE NO. 2901

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 157 PASEO DE LA CONCHA AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 78-18,  
GREG MARDIROSIAN

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2901 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 2902.ORDINANCE NO. 2902

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 4304 AND 4312 WEST 182ND STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 78-24,  
JAMES A. KIRBY

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2902 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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 Kronenberg Company and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT to Execute Proper Abandonment Procedures of Three Water Wells. Ref. Bid #B79-25 Expenditure: \$7,812.00RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That your Honorable Body accept the low bid submitted and approve of the award of the contract for the required abandonment work of three water wells to the Keeler Drilling Company, in the total amount of \$7,812.00, including tax.

20c. PURCHASE OF 4-WHEEL STREET SWEEPER.

Re: Cooperative Purchase with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Expenditure: \$42,284.46.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT: That Council approve of Torrance joining in on a "cooperative" purchase with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the purchase of one only 4-wheel street sweeper from the Nixon-Egli Equipment Company in the total amount of \$42,284.46, including tax; and approve the appropriation of the necessary funds from the Equipment Replacement Fund to make this purchase.

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

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At 5:55 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 5:56 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this meeting be adjourned to 6:00 P.M. on April 24th for the purpose of an Executive Session re: pending litigation. There were no objections, and it was so ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

22b. Councilman Applegate noted, and commended, the welcome of Alpine Electronics to Torrance this date.

22c. Councilman Brown requested Staff investigation of the need to expedite the prolonged street construction at Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue.

22d. Councilman Brown advised that he will be out of the country for the next three weeks, and requested an excused absence for that period of time. There were no objections, and the request was granted.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert advised that she will be testifying at the Assembly Committee hearing in Sacramento re: Madrona Marsh on April 18th.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert urged Council support of the concept of local control in relation to forthcoming hearings before the Air Resources Board.

22g. Mayor Armstrong reported on action taken by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to extend comment deadline on the report for thirty days. The Mayor directed Director of Transportation Horkay to meet, during this 30-day period, with all appropriate agencies, deriving whatever input is possible in order to formulate Torrance's position.

22h. Mayor Armstrong introduced, and welcomed, the new District Manager for Southern California Gas Company, Mr. Bill Gilchrist.

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ITEM 14a. - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:12 P.M., the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: hours, wages and working conditions.

The Council returned at 9:00 P.M. to formally adjourn to Tuesday, April 24, 1977, at 6:00 P.M. No other action was taken.

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James R. Armstrong  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sheri L. Nelson  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

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Minute Secretary

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