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Adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 1979, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Deputy City Attorney Willett led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was by Reverend Harold M. Slusher, Walteria United Methodist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brown, Wilson absent).

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 (Councilmen Brown, Wilson absent).

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At this point in the meeting - 6:10 P.M. - the Council recessed for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Councilman Applegate returned to the Council Chambers at 6:13 P.M. and advised that, following notification re: subject matter of the Executive Session, he had excused himself from same because of a potential conflict of interest.

The entire Council returned at 6:55 P.M. No formal action was taken. The regular agenda order was resumed.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Safety:

April 25th - 4:30 P.M. re: dog feces.

Community Planning:

April 26th - 5:00 P.M. re: transfer station.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION to Charles W. Dishon.

A Certificate of Appreciation was made to Stephen Dishon in recognition of his father's community service as a member of the Water Commission.

8b. WATER COMMISSION VACANCY.

Mr. Herbert J. Meredith was appointed to the Water Commission.

8c. COMMENDATION - Mobil Oil - 50th Anniversary.

There was grateful acceptance of previously adopted Resolution No. 79-81 by Mobil Oil representatives.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. RESOLUTION re: Landscape Architect for Phase II Charles Wilson Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND POD, INC., LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PHASE II CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR CHARLES H. WILSON PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,757 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAID AGREEMENT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-76. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmen Brown, Wilson).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. F.A.U. LANDSCAPING PROJECTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PARK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR:

That the F.A.U. landscaping consist of a hard surface material with landscaped cutouts, with the exception of Sepulveda Boulevard (partially developed which would be developed in grass to match existing landscaping.

Staff presentation was provided by Park Services Administrator Hoffman and City Engineer Weaver.

noted

Councilman Walker/that the proposed project greatly reduces greenery and trees in the community -- this would be preferred by him.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg,  
Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Wilson.

10b. RESOLUTION to extend Assessment Amounts in Street Lighting District No. 17.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE THIRD YEAR (OF THE TWENTY YEAR PERIOD) BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1979, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1980, PURSUANT TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 77-133; ORDERING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AND EMPOWERING SAID TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTION OF SAID ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SAID THIRD YEAR AND TO TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 17 FUND \$41,218.78 AS THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO AID AND ASSIST IN MEETING A PORTION OF THE COST HEREIN AND AS REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION NO. 77-131, ADOPTED JULY 5, 1977  
(STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 17)

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-77. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brown, Wilson absent).

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. ELEVATOR FOR OLD CITY HALL BUILDING.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body:

1. Abandon the proposed elevator installation for the East Wing of City Hall.
2. Appropriate \$10,000 from the 1978-79 General Revenue Sharing Contingency Reserve for furnishings and modifications to the meeting room in the Personnel Services Building.
3. Set the time and place for the first public hearing on the reallocation of freed-up HCD funds for 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 8, 1979.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Armstrong.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Wilson.

Mayor Armstrong stated that the basis for his negative vote was an earlier commitment made by him -- the accessibility of the new meeting place was acknowledged by him, but, in his opinion, "what we are left with is the unknown quantity of what will go on upstairs on the second floor which will always remain inaccessible."

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. RESOLUTION re: Memorandum of Understanding, TCEA. (Retirement Benefit).

RESOLUTION NO. 79-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO.  
78-178, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.2

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-78. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brown, Wilson absent).

14b. EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/PERSONNEL SERVICES TEAM: That your Honorable Body approve the subject class specification, and order the examination on an open competitive basis. In addition, Staff reaffirms its recommendation to adjust the salary for the Equipment Superintendent position by adopting the resolution setting forth a new pay range.

Representing AFSCME, Local #1117, Mr. Jerry Olds requested the following revisions: in the class specification "Experience" requirements, the reference to "three years of responsible supervisory experience in a fleet maintenance facility," should be deleted -- under "Minimum Qualifications - Thorough Knowledge of:", the requirement of "technical and supervisory training" likewise should be deleted. These requirements were deemed unfair by Mr. Olds. It was the further request of Mr. Olds that the Equipment Superintendent examination be on a Promotional basis.

Following input by Civil Service Administrator Ghio and Assistant to the City Manager Jackson, and extensive Council discussion pertaining to possible promotional applicants, substitution of work experience for supervisory experience, open vs. promotional examination, testing procedures, etc. ensued.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved that the Equipment Superintendent examination be on an open competitive basis, omitting references to "three years of responsible supervisory experience in a fleet maintenance facility" and "technical and supervisory training", as spelled out above. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate: That the reference to "three years of responsible supervisory experience" remain in the class specification, but add the phrase "three years of employment with the City of Torrance may be substituted for one year of supervisory experience". The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The MAIN MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg, Walker; Mayor  
Armstrong.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate (exam should be restricted  
to Torrance employees); Geissert.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Wilson.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 79-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.1  
OF RESOLUTION NO. 79-42

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

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

City Manager Ferraro stated that his office and other departments in the City would be happy to sit down with unit representatives, in the meet and confer process, regarding a training program. Mr. Paul Worthman, representing AFSCME, indicated strong support for this comment, and pointed out that the original proposals for an MOU did include specific provisions for the adoption of such a training program to enhance and improve promotional opportunities for City employees.

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15. HEARING.15a. 1978-79 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM (B78-54).

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, there being no exceptions.

The Affidavit of Mailing was presented by City Clerk Nelson. Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 79-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCT-  
ING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE  
LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION  
NO. 79-71

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-80. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brown, Wilson absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. SALE OF LEASEHOLD - Rolling Hills Plaza.RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

1. The Land Management Team be directed to pursue the possible sale of the City's interest; and
2. That \$15,000 be appropriated from the Airport Fund for the appraisal.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. That the City Council hold the expenditure of Airport funds, or any funds, at this time for the appraisal of the Rolling Hills Shopping Center or any other Airport property.
2. That the City Council direct Staff to communicate with the FAA to determine any possible problems or adverse feelings by the FAA on future Airport joint projects or any potential legal problems pertaining to Rolling Hills Plaza.

Council discussion ensued. It was the opinion of Councilman Applegate that the property should not be sold for the reason that this property will appreciate considerably, and there is no real financial pressure at this time to necessitate such action.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Council not proceed with any type of pursuing the sale of this property at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brown, Wilson absent).

17b. REQUEST OF GREAT LAKES PROPERTIES, INC. to terminate Fashion Way Redevelopment Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be referred to Staff for review, analysis and recommendation.

Mr. Peter Lacombe, representing Great Lakes Properties, Inc., reaffirmed their written request, of record, that the Project be terminated.

It was the direction of the Council that the City Manager review this matter, to be returned in an expeditious manner.

17c. COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT'S PROPOSAL FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

1. Concur with the City Manager's recommendation to endorse the District's proposal for future year financing through the user fee concept if and when no State bail-out funds become available to the District to help finance a satisfactory level of service;
2. Request Mayor Armstrong, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the County Sanitation District, to convey the decision of the City Council when the issue is decided.

Presentations were provided by Budget Officer Ng and County Sanitation District representatives.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, with the understanding that this would be implemented only in the event all other alternatives are exhausted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg;  
Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Wilson.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

20a. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS - Pacific Coast Highway/Madison Street.

RECOMMENDATION OF SR. ASSOCIATE TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER:

That the contract for this project be awarded to S&W Electrical for \$48,070.00, and that all other bids be rejected.

20b. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS:

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That Council approve On-The-Job Training Contracts with Kronenberg Company; Larry Reed, Inc.; Poly Disc-Systems, Inc.; Imperial International, Inc.; and A Print Shop Company, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

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

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At 8:50 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:51 P.M.

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21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

21a. LEGISLATION -- ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE APRIL 26TH MEETING.

Staff presentations regarding significant legislation that will be considered by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on April 26th were provided by Legislative Advocate Rupert and Finance Director Dundore.

Specific recommendations offered by Mr. Rupert were:

- (1) To oppose removal of the local share of sales tax in any form;
- (2) To oppose any shift of the sales tax base from point of sale to any other formula;
- (3) To direct Staff to continue to monitor these proposals and to report back to the Council in a timely manner as the legislation moves.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Librarian West lauded the long standing efforts of the Torrance Friends of the Library, and announced that their 11th Annual Book Sale will be held on April 26th through April 28th.

22b. Director of Transportation Horkay advised that the 19th Annual Citywide Bike Rodeo will occur on April 28th at Victor Elementary School.

22c. Potential safety problems at a curve on Edgemere Drive between Christine and Annrita, where camper trucks are parked on both side, were noted by Councilman Applegate, with the request that Staff investigate same.

22d. Councilman Applegate noted that April 25th is National Secretaries Day and expressed appreciation to the City's fine secretarial staff.

22e. Councilman Rossberg commended Mayor Armstrong's "Dial-A-Tape".

22f. Councilman Rossberg expressed concurrence with Police Chief Nash's report re: narcotic paraphernalia and the need for appropriate ordinances, pending legal findings.

22g. Mayor Armstrong reviewed the position he will take in testifying before the Air Resources Board -- the main argument being defense of local control.

22h. An excused absence from the Water Commission meeting of April 26th for Commissioner Carroll Terry was requested by Mayor Armstrong. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22i. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested Council concurrence for scheduling the Cable TV hearing on June 5, 1979, at 6:00 P.M. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22j. Representing Assemblyman Felando, Mr. Xavier Herмосillio advised that Mr. Felando will be meeting with Torrance citizens on Saturday, April 28th, at the Civic Center Library.

22k. Ms. Susan Hendy and Camille Chips, 5520 West 190th Street, urged that there be rent control in Torrance, based on their personal experiences at their apartment residence. Mayor Armstrong reviewed Torrance's position in these matters and directed them re: the preparation of appropriate written material for a Council agenda.

Ms. Chips also took this opportunity to invite all present to the Special Olympics at Gardena High School on Saturday, May 5th.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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*James R. Armstrong*  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

*Sherie L. Nelson*  
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance