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Adjourned at 7:32 P.M. to Wednesday,
June 20, 1979, 4:30 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
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, June 19, 1979, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Ms. Kay Lewis led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mr. Brent Bower, Torrance Church of God, provided the invocation.

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 (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No meetings scheduled.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PRESENTATION TO STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS.

Mayor Armstrong and Councilman Applegate presented letters of recognition to members of the Torrance United, Division III, Gold Team (Under 14) for their achievement in attaining the California State Soccer Championship.

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Mayor Armstrong announced the recent award to Acting Equipment Superintendent Ed Enrietta: a Certificate of professional designation of Director of Equipment and Maintenance by the National Committee of the Motor Fleet Supervisor Training. Mr. Enrietta is one of only 64 people in the United States to hold this honor, per the Mayor.

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Noted by Mayor Armstrong at this time was the resignation of Mr. Terry Lewison from the Civil Service Commission. It is the recommendation of City Clerk Nelson that interviews be scheduled for July 10th at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Wilson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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9. LIBRARY, PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT FOR RENOVATION OF McMASTER PARK.RESOLUTION NO. 79-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CARDOZA DILALLO ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AT
McMASTER PARK

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-111. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Rossberg noted the lack of input from the Park and Recreation Commission in this matter, as well as the fact that the low bidder was not selected because the other two firms are already involved with other City projects. Mr. Rossberg questioned the wisdom of including these two firms, and was of the opinion that a larger number of firms should have been solicited for bids.

Concurrence with the concerns expressed by Councilman Rossberg was noted by Councilman Applegate -- the substantial time involved in the preparation of bids was noted by Mr. Applegate, as was his desire that all previous bidders should have been included.

Councilman Walker withdrew his second to the motion.

The motion was thereupon seconded by Councilman Brown, but FAILED TO CARRY, with a tie vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to award the contract to the low bidder. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Discussion regarding bidding practices resumed.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Brown: That Item 9a be held for further Staff analysis, to be returned to the Council in one week. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION, to award the contract to the low bidder (Recreation Systems, Inc.), carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson reread Resolution No. 79-111, as amended by the above action:

RESOLUTION NO. 79-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND RECREATION
SYSTEMS, INC. FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL
SERVICES AT McMASTER PARK

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-111. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. REVISION OF THE AIRPORT SECURITY PROGRAM TO INSTALL A KEY CARD SECURITY GATE SYSTEM.RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That Council authorize and direct the installation at the Airport of a key card security gate system, including paging and communications, and appropriate \$61,679 from Airport Retained Earnings for installation of the system.

Council discussion was directed to the mechanics and costs of the proposed security system, impact on night-time activities, airplane registrations, cardholder qualifications, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation -- further, that the Council refer back to Staff the matter of coming up with a formula for costs on the card that would be calculated to amortize these costs; also, make sure that ordinance violations can be tied in with the revocability of the card. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

10b. RESOLUTION re: El Nido Area Storm Drain Easement.RESOLUTION NO. 79-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MS. THERESA BECKER FOR A STORM DRAIN EASEMENT AT 18500 KINGSDALE AVENUE

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-112. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

10c. FUND REALLOCATION FOR HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA STORM DRAINS.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the \$52,770 remaining from the 234th Street channel repair appropriation be reallocated to the Hollywood Riviera Storm Drain Project.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. Conversion from Retirement Benefits - TPPRE, Management.
Withdrawn.

14b. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.
See Page 8.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. 1978-79 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS and SECOND PUBLIC HEARING on proposed changes in use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Park and Recreation and other Capital Improvement Projects.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the second hearing on changes in the planned use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the 1978-79 fiscal year.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson. Councilman Walker moved that it be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

Mayor Armstrong inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Brown moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

(Formal action was taken by the Council in this matter on June 12, 1979.)

15b. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING on City Manager's Proposed 1979-80 Budget.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the Second Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget, which includes the planned use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the 1979-80 fiscal year.

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

The following revisions/were noted by Finance Director Dundore: the additional provision for a new Police Building in the amount of \$1,000,000 is being replaced with a proposed use of \$1,000,000 for 1979-80 Police Department operations; and the Civic Center road development project is being reduced to \$53,000.

There being no one present who wished to be heard, Councilman Brown moved to continue the public hearing to Wednesday, June 20, 1979 at 4:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

15c. ZC 79-3, JAMES R. PETERS. Request for approval of a Change of Zone from R-3 to R-3, PD, on property located at 17026 Yukon Avenue. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL; PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DENIAL.

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of ZC 79-3. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the following amounts be appropriated for the purposes as indicated:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Police Building	\$1,000,000
	Civic Center road development	390,000
General (1978-79	Police building	508,000
Unsecured Property Taxes collected at prior year's rate. May have to be refunded.)		
		<u>\$1,898,000</u>
Park and Recreation Facilities	El Retiro Park - replace tennis backboard; improve lighting; install chain link; repair buildings.	45,200
	Las Canchas Tennis Courts - resurfacing	<u>16,000</u> \$ 61,200
Bicycle Transportation	Bikeway-Madrona/Madison Street from Carson to Pacific Coast Highway	\$ 37,200
State Gas Tax	Action Plan - priorities	
	<u>No.</u>	
	13 Crenshaw Blvd. - Maricopa to Carson	\$ 450,000
	23 Lomita Blvd. - Garnier St. to Crenshaw	66,000
	24 Anza Ave. Reconstruction Sepulveda to Calle Mayor	100,000
	25 223rd St. - Western to Plaza Del Amo	250,000
	30 Traffic signal @ Pac. Cst. Hwy. and Ocean	5,000
	34 Crenshaw Blvd. - 227th to 231st St.	75,000
	35 Prairie Ave. - 190th to 182nd St.	400,000
	69 Arlington Ave. - Lincoln to Sepulveda	100,000
	2, 12, 26 FAU Service Road Landscaping	85,000
	37 Carson St. - Crenshaw to Madrona	149,000
		<u>1,680,000</u>

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<u>Fund</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
County Gas Tax	Action Plan Priority	
	No. 37 Carson St. - Crenshaw to Madrona	<u>124,500</u>
Airport	Master Plan development	518,000
	Sewers, water, underground utilities, streets and storm drains in area from Pac. Cst. Hwy. to main apron and Aero Way to Madison St.	
	Apron widening	125,000
	Apron lighting	150,000
	Glide slope grading and storm drain	25,000
		<u>818,000</u>
Water	MWD connection at Sepulveda and Western Ave.	\$ 140,000
	Water mains:	
	Walnut St. from Sepulveda to Middlebrook	25,000
	Pacific Coast Hwy. from Crenshaw to Madison St.	575,000
	Area bounded by 182nd St., San Diego Fwy., Crenshaw, 190th St., and Ermanita	5,000
		<u>745,000</u>
General	Self insurance reserve	\$ 850,607
	Accured sick leave reserve	334,481
	Redevelopment activities reserve	138,585
	Reserve for facilities	81,108
		<u>1,404,781</u>
Total Appropriations		\$ 6,768,681

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendations of the Finance Director re: Appropriation of Funds for Capital Improvement Projects, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19a. AMENDMENT TO ATTORNEY SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ALBERT D. (JACK) ALLEN in the case of City of Torrance v. Oscar Berk, et al.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the Agreement be amended to provide that the total sum payable to Mr. Ailen thereunder will not exceed \$2,500,

with the additional \$500 amount to be paid from the City Attorney's "Professional and Technical Services" budget account.

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

19b. REQUEST FOR A TAXICAB RATE INCREASE BY FASCO INVESTMENTS, INC. (YELLOW CAB).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/SENIOR AUDITOR/
LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

That Fasco Investments, Inc. be given a fare increase as requested based on their increased operating costs since July, 1976.

That the shared ride concept not be adopted until such time as City Staff has had an opportunity to review it after consultations with other cities.

That the City Council direct Staff to study and propose an equitable method and the criteria to be used for setting taxicab rates.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

The members of the License Review Board believe that the current rate setting system, while implying regulatory control by the City, in reality only provides the City a veto power of Fasco's proposed rates. The other cities served by Fasco have the same problem.

The members of this Board recommend that the City Council direct Staff to explore the possibility of forming a joint regulatory board with other cities served by Fasco with the intent of setting rates that will keep Fasco a viable taxicab company while providing all citizens taxicab service at a rate comparable to service throughout the area.

Following discussion, formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Based upon the investigation of the City's Staff and the representations of Gerald Walker and Fasco Investments, Inc., as to their increased operating costs since July, 1976, Councilman Brown MOVED that it be found and determined that the proposed schedule of rates are just, reasonable, nondiscriminatory, nonpreferential, and not in any way in violation of any provision of this Chapter or other ordinance or any provision of law; and that Fasco Investment, Inc. be given the fare increase as requested. Further, that the other pertinent matters, particularly that re: a joint regulatory board, be referred to the Transportation Committee for exploration and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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The hour being 6:40 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:42 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate requested an excused absence from the Council meeting of June 26th. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22b. Councilman Brown urged that the Mayor seek Congressman Anderson's support re: NAVAIDS in view of differences with FAA.

22c. Councilman Rossberg noted the absence of Torrance representation on SCAG committees, and urged that efforts be made to remedy this situation.

22d. Communications noted by Councilman Rossberg were: letter commending the Street Department from Ms. Jean Hart; memo from Finance Director Dundore re: vending machine permits.

22e. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition for newly appointed Supervisor Burke.

22f. Mayor Armstrong reported on his attendance at the swearing-in of Supervisor Burke this date and noted the invitation extended Mrs. Burke to attend the dedication of the Noise Abatement System on June 25th. Further noted by the Mayor was the request of Supervisor Burke to meet with Council members on Monday, June 25th, at 9:00 A.M., at Torrance City Hall.

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ITEM 14b. - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:55 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: hours, wages and working conditions, returning at 7:30 P.M. to take the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 79-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.1,
3.1, 3.3, AND 6.8 OF RESOLUTION NO. 78-178
AND ADDING SECTION 6.10 THERETO

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-113. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.):

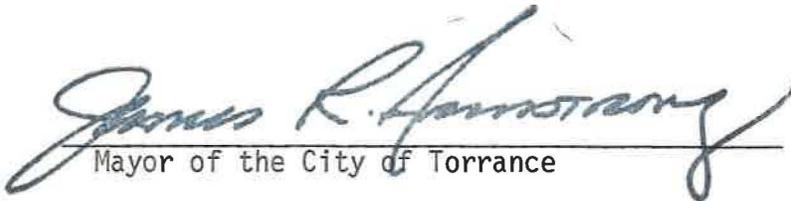
22g. Mr. James Frasso, 23007 Kent Avenue, expressed concern regarding the recent crash at the Airport. Mayor Armstrong advised that a full investigation is underway by Staff, and directed that Mr. Frasso be advised regarding this report.

At 7:32 P.M. Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Wednesday, June 20, 1979, at 4:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert absent).

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Sherie L. Nelson, Clerk of the
City of Torrance, California



Mayor of the City of Torrance