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Adjourned at 6:55 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, July 3, 1979, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Brown arrived at 5:35 P.M. Absent: None.

Also present: Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Nelson. Absent: City Manager Ferraro, City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Captain Lanham led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Alvin Mace, First Baptist Church, gave 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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No meetings were scheduled.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. ORDINANCE re: Abolition of Definitions of Terms Contained in Rule I of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and Addition of Specified Definitions of Said Rules to the Torrance Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 2908

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14.1.4, 14.1.12, 14.1.16 AND 14.1.17 OF ARTICLE 1; SECTION 14.2.1 OF ARTICLE 2; AND SECTION 14.20.1 OF ARTICLE 20 -- ALL OF CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE RULE DEFINITIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND STAFF:

That your Honorable Body concur in these proposed changes by taking the following actions:

1. Approve the deletion of all definitions contained in Rule I of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations with the exception of the terms EMPLOYMENT LIST, SENIORITY, and SERIES; and
2. Adopt the subject ordinance transferring specified definitions to Division I Chapter 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of Staff and for the approval of Ordinance No. 2908 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

14b. Memoranda of Intent.

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Ms. Pauline Greer, 1320 Arlington Avenue, requested that Council correct the gross inequities in the salaries of Account Clerk, Senior Account Clerk and Accountant, noting the high degree of difference in class requirements between the technical class of Senior Account Clerk and the professional class of Accountant, a much greater difference than exists between Accountant and Senior Accountant -- however, the Senior Accountant salary exceeds that of Accountant by approximately \$600 per month. Salaries should not be based on individual

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personalities, per Ms. Greer, but on job specifications. Ms. Greer then reviewed experience and responsibility requirements for these classes, as well as testing practices, and urged, on behalf of these employees, that the Council "have a close look at its management and put a stop to its discrimination, once and for all."

(Ms. Greer agreed to supply Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson with a written copy of her foregoing remarks.)

It was the comment of Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson that the package proposed to AFSCME, and accepted in their Memorandum of Intent, reflects a true and appropriate structuring of wages and there is no need to otherwise adjust those salaries.

This matter was referred to Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson.

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20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Storm Drain in El Nido Area along 182nd Street and Grevillea Avenue (Phase B) - Job No. 77563.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Globe and Plotkin (JV).

20b. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body approve the On-the-Job Training contract with Jonas and Jonas Insurance Agency and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

20c. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body approve On-the-Job Training contracts with Robinson Helicopter Company and Cobra Enterprise, Inc. 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, 20b, and 20c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ITEM 14b - MEMORANDA OF INTENT.

At 5:50 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session on the subject matter, returning at 6:05 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur in principle with the following Memoranda of Intent as to the starting of the date for the commencement of the new pay period: TPSA, TCEA, TPPREO, TPOA, Engineers, Torrance Fire Fighters, Torrance Municipal Employees and Inspectors -- formal Memoranda of Intent to be returned to the Council on July 10th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:05 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:06 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Formal presentation of 25 lbs. of rice -- the door prize at the recent Gardena Valley Gardners Association -- to Councilman Rossberg was proudly made by Councilman Applegate.

22b. Councilman Brown recommended that there be expeditious handling of forthcoming considerations re: the proposed Mall merger, perhaps by way of workshop sessions, to eliminate the need for any hasty, last minute decisions by the Council. There was concurrence by the Council and Staff was so directed.

22c. Councilman Rossberg commended the recent Daily Breeze "Letter to the Editor" offered by Robert Armstrong regarding the Torrance City Council.

22d. Mayor Armstrong requested further Staff input regarding the Baxter Ward transportation proposal as related to the new legislation re: transportation grants.

Also noted by Mayor Armstrong was information received from Congressman Anderson that the Department of Transportation has approved a Grant for assistance to Torrance for land acquisition and construction of a bus maintenance facility, along with the purchase and support of specified equipment.

22e. Mayor Armstrong appointed the following Armed Forces Day Parade Ad Hoc Committee: Councilmembers Applegate, Rossberg and Walker.

22f. Mayor Armstrong directed Staff, at the earliest possible and yet appropriate time, arrange for discussions with Supervisor Burke and County Staff re: Civic Center development. Discussion should include: final decisions on the matter of additional construction on the County court site; standardization and upgrading of County parking lots and landscaping, including the Maple Street frontage; completion of the road network and circulation pattern; availability and use of the old Municipal Court building, proposed Police Facility and future Transportation Department facilities; Benstead Plunge; aesthetic development of Civic Center; etc. Staff input should be referred to the appropriate Council Committee for review and recommendation to the Council, per the Mayor.

22g. Strongly protesting recent rent increases in an apartment complex at 20810 Amie were: Gordon Bell, Mollie Lava, Lynn McNally, and Mary Jane Tomkins.

Council discussion ensued, with review of its position, of record, rent control assistance by other agencies, contacts established by the City, etc. Staff was directed to return with a report pertaining to rent control efforts in other cities. There was further direction by Mayor Armstrong that Staff extend every assistance to the concerned parties in this matter.

22h. Representing TPOA, Ed Estrada expressed appreciation to the Council for the favorable consideration given their members in the new salary contract. Inflation concerns were likewise reviewed by president Estrada, along with their pledge to serve the City of Torrance with the highest level of professionalism.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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Sherie L. Nelson

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

James R. Armstrong

Mayor of the City of Torrance