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Adjourned at 7:15 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, July 31, 1979, at 5:30 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, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Nelson. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Georgean Griswold led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Lloyd Newlin, First Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the Budget Workshop minutes for June 7,8,11,14,18,20,22, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee:

August 6th, 5:00 P.M.

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Community Planning:

August 9th at 5:00 P.M.

9. LIBRARY /PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

- 9a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Contract for Design, Construction, Entry, Display and Operation of Rose Parade Float.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND C.E. BENT AND SON, INC., FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ENTRY, DISPLAY AND OPERATION OF A FLOAT IN THE 1980 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-145. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Quitclaim of City-owned strip of land (North of Newton Street between Newton Street and Cricklewood Avenue) to Adjacent Property Owners.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN BLOCK 3, TRACT NO. 13994, AND IN BLOCK 1, TRACT NO. 16569, AND CORPORATION QUITCLAIM DEEDS FROM THE CITY TO SAID PROPERTY OWNERS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-146. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. ATE SOUTH BAY STUDY.RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

That your Honorable Body approve by minute motion the Torrance position paper before you as the City of Torrance response to the ATE South Bay Transportation Study.

The findings of the Transportation Committee were detailed by Councilman Brown.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that the subject position paper as drafted by Staff be approved by the Council and sent forward to LACTC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:12a. RESOLUTION re: GPA 78-5, Kenny Uyeda.RESOLUTION NO. 79-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED AUGUST 29, 1974, BY RESOLUTION NO. 74-194, TO REVISE THE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF WESTERN AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 180 FEET NORTH OF 185TH STREET FROM RETAIL COMMERCIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
GPA 78-5, KENNY UYEDA

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-147. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate (for reasons of record).

12b. ORDINANCE re: ZC 78-21, Alice and Kenny Uyeda.ORDINANCE NO. 2914

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 ON THE WEST SIDE OF WESTERN AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 180 FEET NORTH OF 185TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 78-21, ALICE AND KENNY UYEDA

Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve Ordinance No. 2914 at its first reading. Her 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: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate (for previously stated reasons).

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12c. RESOLUTION re: CUP 79-18, R.G. Garland Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 15-UNIT CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX AND A TWO-STORY OFFICE BUILDING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF WESTERN AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 180 FEET NORTH OF 185TH STREET
CUP 79-18, R.G. GARLAND CORPORATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-148. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate (for previously stated reasons).

12d. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Amendments to State Guidelines for Environmental Impact Reports.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD:

That the City Council adopt the attached resolution specifying -

1. The City's endorsement in general of the efforts to improve environmental review by the Resources Agency through the proposed amendments,
2. The City's support in particular for the expansion of Categorical Exemptions, and
3. The City's strong opposition to amendments discussed in A, B, D, E and F.

The Environmental Review Board further recommends that opposition to particular proposed amendments be registered with the City's representatives in the State Legislature.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 79-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S POSITION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT GUIDELINES PROPOSED BY THE RESOURCES AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-149. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

- 13a.
- ORDINANCE
- renumbering certain Code sections pertaining to Pigeons.

ORDINANCE NO. 2915

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 4 TO ALLOW THE RENUMBERING OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2915 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 13b. Ordinance re: animal defecation.

Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson requested that this item be returned to Staff because of technical problems with the ordinance. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. RESOLUTION re: TMEO Memorandum of Understanding.
 14b. RESOLUTION re: Working Conditions for Safety Management Employees.

Considered in Executive Session - See Page 10.

15. HEARINGS:

Heard later in the meeting - See Page 6.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a.
- REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEAGUE RESOLUTIONS
- re: League of California Cities Conference.

Following discussion, it was the direction of the Council that the following position be taken:

Yes:

Resolutions 1,3, 10.

Further Staff input:

Resolutions 4,5,6,7,8,9.

No position:

Resolution 2.

The Council now returned to:

15. HEARINGS:

15a. 1978-79 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - Confirmation of Assessment Roll.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on confirmation of the 1978-79 Weed Abatement Program, showing the costs to be assessed to the property owners listed thereon.

City Clerk Nelson presented the Affidavit of Posting. Councilman Applegate moved that it be received and filed; the motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved.

Mayor Armstrong then inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response. Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve the report of the City Manager as submitted. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 79-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN
REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE
COST OF WEED ABATEMENT FOR 1978-79
(Weed Abatement Assessment Roll,
1978-79)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-150. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15b. ZC 78-26, ALBERT BENARDO. Request for approval of a Change of Zone from R-3 to R-3, PD to allow the conversion of a seven-unit apartment building to condominiums at 609 Sartori Avenue. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and Planning Commission for approval of ZC 78-26. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15c. V 79-1, AVERY J. KNAPP, et al: Request for approval of a Variance to allow two single-family dwellings on an R-1 parcel located at the northwest corner of 236th and Haas Streets. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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 public hearing on V 79-1, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

The proponent, Mr. Avery Knapp, was present to review V 79-1 and the related case D 79-14 with a condition to provide curbs and sidewalks on the property, with note of the prohibitive cost for such improvements. Mr. Knapp also reviewed Staff discussions regarding the matter of curbs and sidewalks and indications of City cooperation in resolving this problem.

Council discussion ensued, it being the consensus that this matter should be held for further Staff input and clarification regarding the unique problems surrounding the subject property. Mr. Knapp concurred with the recommended continuance.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to continue Item 15c., V 79-1, to August 14, 1979, at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and approval was unanimous.

15d. ZC 79-7, CUP 79-24 and D 79-12, DANIEL KIM. Request for a Change of Zone from R-3 to R-3, PD and, on appeal, a conditional use permit and one-lot parcel map to allow the construction of a four-unit condominium development on property located at 21108 Amie Avenue. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL. PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL AS REVISED.

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.

The proponent, Mr. Daniel Kim, reviewed his revised plans, noting compliance with Staff recommendations and conditions, and requested Council approval of the project. Desired clarification was provided the Council by Mr. Kim, with specific note of the fact that the revisions evolved as a result of Planning Commission concerns.

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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Armstrong.

Regarding his "no" vote, Mayor Armstrong stated that this project should have been denied, without prejudice, allowing it to go back to the Planning Commission -- a "procedural no", per the Mayor.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2909.

ORDINANCE NO. 2909

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 92.18.1, 92.18.3, 92.18.4 AND 92.18.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS TO REMOVE THE NECESSITY OF APPLYING FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND PROVIDING FOR FULL TIME HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2909 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Bus/Vehicle Washer.

Ref. Bid #B79-20. Expenditure: \$46,872.82

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION: That Council accept the low bid submitted by the N/S CARWASH ENTERPRISE COMPANY

to furnish and install their equipment in the bid amount of \$39,597.00 plus tax (\$41,972.82 total); and approve of the inclusion of the additional recommended equipment to improve the washer for bus washing in the total amount of \$4,900.00 including tax. (Monies for this equipment would also be paid for from the SB 325 monies already received.)

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Motorola Radio Equipment.
Ref: Cooperative Purchase Program - Los Angeles
County Contract #37123

Expenditure: A. \$ 8,808.60 - Police Satellite Receiver System
B. 13,686.72 - Police Vehicle and Portable Radios (Replacements)
C. 2,448.60 - Fire Radios (Replacement)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body approve the award of a contract for this required radio equipment to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., based upon bid prices included in Los Angeles County's Contract #37123, for the total amount of \$24,943.92, including tax.

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

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The hour being 6:48 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:50 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Brown requested Staff input regarding the modifying legislation on the 78° temperatures for buildings with alternate energy saving plans -- does the City of Torrance have such an alternate plan?

22b. Councilwoman Geissert noted that visiting students from Sister City Kashiwa will be in attendance at the August 7th Council meeting.

22c. Mayor Armstrong reported: (1) Councilwoman Geissert has been appointed as an Alternate on the Los Angeles County Regional Criminal Justice Planning Board; (2) Energy Conference plans are moving forward; and (3) the forthcoming visit of Kashiwa officials to Torrance should be appropriately planned.

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At this point in the meeting, the Council recessed in Executive Session, the hour being 6:55 P.M. On their return at 7:10 P.M., the following action was taken:

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. RESOLUTION re: Torrance Management Employees Organization 1979-80 Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION
TMEO

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-151. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 14b. RESOLUTION re: Agreement setting forth wages, hours and working conditions for Safety Management Employees for 1979-80.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING
RESOLUTION NO. 79-23

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-152. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. ADDENDUM ITEMS:

- 21a. ORDINANCE and RESOLUTION re: Torrance Part-time Library Employees 1979-80 Memorandum of Understanding.

ORDINANCE NO. 2916

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART XVI OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR THE TORRANCE LIBRARY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2916 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES,
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR TORRANCE
LIBRARY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE JOBS
OF LIBRARY PAGE, JUNIOR LIBRARY CLERK,
AND INTERMEDIATE LIBRARY CLERK

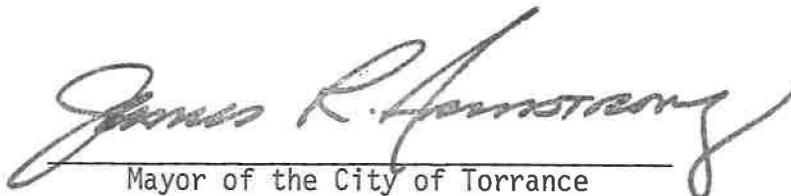
Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution
No. 79-153. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and
roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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