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August 14, 1979, at 6:30 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, August 7, 1979, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Brown arrived at 5:35 P.M.; Councilman Walker at 5:58 P.M.; Councilman Applegate at 6:15 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Miss Kay Lewis led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Boyd Kifer, Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 1979 and June 26, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate, Brown and Walker had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 Applegate, Brown and Walker had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:Finance Committee:

Met on August 6th re: expense accounts; report forthcoming to the Council.

Citizen Enrichment:

August 8th at 4:00 P.M.

Community Planning:

August 9th at 5:00 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. COMMENDATION - Frank Paour, Jr.

A "Key to the City" was warmly presented Mr. Frank Paour, Jr., retiring Traffic Commissioner and long-time Torrance resident, by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council. Present to concur in this commendation and expression of good wishes were fellow-members of the Traffic Commission.

8b. PRESENTATION - Exchange Students.

Exchange Students from Sister City Kashiwa, Japan, were introduced by Mayor Armstrong, and welcomed to the City of Torrance.

(Councilman Brown arrived at this point in the meeting.)

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Hollywood Rivera Storm Drain B79-47)RECOMMENATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That the contract be awarded to G.R. Frost, the low bidder, and that all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Engineering Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker had not yet arrived at the meeting).

10b. FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. That your Honorable Body support the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's general request for minimum level funding of maintenance activities; or, alternatively,
2. That your Honorable Body support minimum level funding and indicate a pro or con position regarding the use of benefit assessment.

Formal presentation was made by Mr. P.H. Emery, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and desired clarification was provided the Council.

(Councilmen Walker and Applegate arrived at the meeting during the above presentation.)

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur in the recommendation of Staff, with this modification: that the Council indicate in lieu of #2 that the City request the County to develop the funding and indicate that to the maximum extent possible that funding ought to come from State bail-out money as a preference over any other form of funding until such time as this matter is voted upon. The motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10c. RESOLUTION re: Crenshaw Boulevard Grade Separation - Real Property Purchase from Southern Pacific Land Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF DOMINGUEZ STREET

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-155, and to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that approval of the land purchase be subject to a letter appraisal confirming that the purchase price does not exceed fair market value, such appraisal not to exceed \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. Memorandum of Understanding - TPOA and TME (AFSCME).
- 14b. Memorandum of Intent - Torrance City Attorneys Association.

Considered in Executive Session - See Pages 9 and 10.

14c. WAREHOUSE CLERK/STOREKEEPER POSITIONS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the following Personnel Action requests:

- A. That the budgeted position of Warehouse Clerk (vacant presently) be retitled back to its original work classification of Storekeeper

with a salary increase of \$130./yr. to cover the added responsibility; and

B. That Council approve of the reinstatement of the Storekeeper position at the Water Yard on a 1/2-time basis in order to provide basic essential accountability and control on that inventory, and provide some level of Warehouse service to Water Department personnel to maximize their time in the field.

C. That Council appropriate \$130.00 from the General Fund Reserve to cover the increase in annual cost resulting from the change from Warehouse Clerk to Storekeeper; and

\$6,843.00 from the Water Revenue Fund to cover the cost of the Storekeeper at the Water Yard on a 1/2-time basis.

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

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15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION authorizing filing of the Grant Application with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the land purchase and engineering phase of the proposed Transit Operations Center to be located on Madrona Avenue northerly of the Joslyn Center.

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 invited comments in this matter.

City Manager Ferraro noted the interest of Kaiser Hospital in the subject property, and indicated that every effort would be made to assist them in the locating of another site.

A slide presentation followed and desired clarification was provided by Administrative Specialist Hildebrand and Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 79-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR A MASS TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-156. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the direction of the Council that Staff keep them apprised re: the updating of the Civic Center Master Plan, Kaiser negotiations, and all other pertinent matters.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2914.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 for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2914 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 2915.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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2915 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18c. ORDINANCE NO. 2916.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

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2916 at its second^{and} final reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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 Imperial International, Inc., and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Rental Uniform Service for 24-month period - City Employees/CETA Manpower Employees. Ref. Bid #B79-45

Expenditure:	Regular Employees	\$53,231.20
	Manpower Employees	11,119.68

Shop Towel Cleaning Service for 24-Month Period	\$ 1,716.00
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RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council award a contract for the required rental uniform service and shop towel cleaning service to the overall low bidder, Red Star Industrial Service, for the required service in the total amounts of \$53,231.20 for REGULAR EMPLOYEES; \$11,119.68 for MANPOWER EMPLOYEES; and \$1,716.00 for RENTAL TOWEL SERVICE.

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Budgeted Truck Mounted Sewer/Storm drain Cleaning System.

Expenditure: \$88,609.64.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/
STREET MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT:

Inasmuch as there is no way to solicit competitive bids on this highly specialized proprietary designed unit, the Vactor Sewer/Storm Drain Cleaning Unit, it is recommended that Council approve of the award of a contract for the budgeted unit based on a "negotiated" price mutually agreed to between parties, of \$88,609.64, to the Haaker Equipment Company of Pomona, California.

20d. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT for Gasoline and Diesel Fuels.
Estimated Expendiure: \$400,000.00RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body approve the renewal of the City's annual contract with Chevron USA for gasoline and diesel with an estimated annual expenditure of \$400,000.00 per year.

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

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The hour being 6:45 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:48 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro noted this historical date, it being the anniversary of Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson's 14th year with the City of Torrance.

22b. Councilman Brown requested Staff input and analysis regarding bus operation costs.

22c. An analysis of A.B. 8 re: crossing guards was also requested by Councilman Brown.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert reported on activities of Kashiwa Exchange Students and the pleasure evidenced by them, further noting that the Farewell Banquet will be held on August 20th at Del Conte's.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert noted the continuing unfavorable working conditions in the Planning Department, with temperatures in the 80's. Present efforts to alleviate this condition were described by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

22f. Councilman Rossberg announced that Supervisor Baxter Ward will be addressing the South Bay Cities re: the Countywide Transit Assessment District proposal on August 16th; the meeting will be open to the public in these Council Chambers.

22g. Councilman Rossberg requested "appropriate recognition" for the North Torrance Little League, winners of the District 27 championship.

22h. Councilman Wilson inquired if City buildings are checked re: compliance to energy guidelines, and was advised in the affirmative by Building and Safety Director McKinnon. Also noted by Dr. Wilson were the volunteer services offered by Mr. Charles Brandt.

22i. The status of the Ministerial Breakfast was questioned by Councilman Wilson -- Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson will follow through on this matter.

22j. The request of City Clerk Nelson that Traffic Commission interviews be scheduled for September 18th at 5:30 P.M. was noted by Mayor Armstrong. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22k. Mayor Armstrong noted the critical need for a stove at the Walteria Senior Citizens building, and requested Staff follow through regarding this problem.

22l. Mr. John Hall, Shop Steward in the Garage, stated their opinion that the guidelines established by the Council for the Equipment Superintendent examination have not been followed.

It was the direction of the Council that Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson and Civil Service Administrator Ghio do an analysis of this matter, with a report back to the Council.

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The hour being 7:10 P.M., the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 7:20 P.M. to take the following action:

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. RESOLUTION re: Memorandums of Understanding - TPOA and TME (AFSCME)

RESOLUTION NO. 79-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1979 TO JULY, 1980

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-157. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1979 TO JULY 1, 1980

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-154. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. MEMORANDUM OF INTENT - Torrance City Attorneys Association.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to establish August 12th as the start-up date for pay for the Torrance City Attorneys Association. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.)

22m. City Manager Ferraro noted the forthcoming meeting of the League of California Cities and recommended that September 25th be a "dark night" for the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that September 25th be a "dark night". The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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At 7:25 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, August 14, 1979, at 6:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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


Mayor of the City of Torrance