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October 2, 1979

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, October 2, 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. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at 5:35 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Ms. Williams led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Boyd Kifer, First Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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 (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

COMMUNITY PLANNING:
October 3rd, 5:00 P.M. re: Civic Center.
October 3rd, 5:30 P.M. re: Condo Conversions

Ad Hoc Committee re: Armed Forces Day Parade:
October 3rd, 3:30 P.M.

Public Safety:
October 10th at 5:00 P.M. re: Towing Contract and Ambulance Service.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PERFORMANCE BY OOM PAH PAH BAND - Oktoberfest Alpine Village.

The Oom Pah Pah Band provided a delightful musical concert -- sincere appreciation for this treat was expressed by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council and all present.

8b. PRESENTATION TO MORIYUKI TAKATA.

A plaque in recognition of his invaluable assistance as Japanese interpreter for the City was presented Moriyuki Takata by Mayor Armstrong.

8c. PROCLAMATION - "United Way Campaign Month".

8d. PROCLAMATION - "The Week of the Child"

8dd. PROCLAMATION - "National Beauty Salon Week"

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8e. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION to Frederico Chavez, Trade Commissioner of Mexico.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-179

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPESSING APPRECIATION TO THE TRADE COMMISSIONER OF MEXICO, FREDERICO CHAVEZ, FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEXICAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS, AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO INCREASE IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-179. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. RESOLUTION re: Historical Grant Application.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING AN APPLICATION FOR A PRESERVATION PLANNING GRANT FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-186. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12b. R.G. GARLAND CORPORATION (Kenny Uyeda) - 15-unit condominium development, west side of Western Avenue, approximately 180 feet north of 185th Street (ZC 78-21, CUP 79-18, GPA 78-5, TT 35716): REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE CONDOMINIUM MORATORIUM FOR APPROVED PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING STAFF:
Exemption from the condominium moratorium (Ordinance No. 2923), allowing building permits to be issued.

Councilman Applegate announced that he would ABSTAIN in this matter, for reasons of record.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Planning Staff. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate abstained).

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A 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Armstrong in order that necessary preparation might be made for presentation of Item 12c. The hour was 6:05 P.M.

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12c. THE TORRANCE COMPANY - CUP 79-15, PP 79-7 (EA 79-7). Preliminary Presentation and review of Del Amo Fashion Center Project (Marriage of the Malls).

Formal presentation of the proposed Marriage of the Malls was made by Mr. James Jones on behalf of The Torrance Company. Desired clarification was provided the Council, and Mayor Armstrong expressed appreciation for the informative dialogue.

12d. Emergency Ordinance re: Condominium Conversions and Stock Cooperatives.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brown that there be further "polishing" of the subject ordinance, including Staff review of current like ordinances of the cities of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara to determine if there are aspects therein which should be incorporated in the Torrance ordinance.

Accordingly, Councilman Brown MOVED to continue Item 12d. for one week, and to extend the moratorium for thirty days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

An appropriate Emergency Ordinance was presented by City Attorney Remelmeyer, and, at the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2925

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONTINUING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONDOMINIUMS, COMMUNITY APARTMENT PROJECTS AND STOCK COOPERATIVES AND THE CONVERSION OF APARTMENT HOUSES AND OTHER MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLINGS TO CONDOMINIUMS, COMMUNITY APARTMENT PROJECTS OR STOCK COOPERATIVES, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2925 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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12e. RESOLUTION FOR PP 79-1, Rick Kahn and Donald Zola: Approving a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a one-story retail building on property located at 18430 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Walker noted the request of Mr. LaCorte, Sr. that the subject matter be postponed to October 16, 1979 when he could be here personally. Mr. Walker thereupon MOVED to concur with the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Speaking at this time, Mr. Rick Kahn reviewed the lengthy deliberations in this matter, and deemed the requested postponement unreasonable.

Mr. John LaCorte, Jr., 18501 Ashley Avenue, stated that as far as he was concerned the Council could proceed with this matter; postponement was unnecessary. Councilman Walker then WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff: That the present easement language be adopted and the Resolution in PP 79-1 be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Further remarks were forthcoming from Mr. LaCorte, Jr. regarding his concerns relative to the basis of termination of the easement. It was the recommendation of Councilman Brown, concurred in by the Council, that the word"voluntarily" be inserted in the Easement Agreement - Item #6, line 4, "....shall be voluntarily demolished...."

Councilman Brown so AMENDED HIS MOTION; the amended motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Mr. Donald Zola spoke at this time voicing objections to insertion of the word "voluntarily", and urged that the Easement Agreement be adopted in its present form.

Roll call vote on the amended motion was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 79-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW

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THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ONE-STORY
RETAIL BUILDING ON PROPERTY LOCATED
AT 18430 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
(PP 79-1, RICK KAHN AND DONALD ZOLA)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-187. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered by the Council at this time, out of order:

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. RESTORATION OF CROSSING GUARDS.

Present to describe the urgent need for Crossing Guards at the intersections of Lenore and Anza, Fern/Torrance Boulevard, and Maple Avenue and Torrance Boulevard were: Ms. Kathy Ruth (?), PTA president, Anza School;Ms. Gloria Nakashima, 1104 Elm Street; and Ms. Nancy Gates, 808 Kornblum.

Council discussion ensued, and formal action taken by them is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the previously deleted Crossing Guard positions be retained at the eight signalized intersections, of record, for the balance of the school year -- further, that this matter be reviewed by the Finance Committee at its Midyear Budget Review, with appropriate notification to interested parties. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:50 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

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The Council now returned to its regular agenda order.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. OIL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2926

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REENACTING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2744, ADOPTED ON JULY 26, 1977, AND CHANGING ARTICLE 13 OF CHAPTER 7 OF DIVISION

9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ARTICLE 14 OF CHAPTER 7 OF DIVISION 9, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2926 at its first and only reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2927

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REENACTING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2744, ADOPTED ON JULY 26, 1977, AND CHANGING ARTICLE 13 OF CHAPTER 7 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ARTICLE 14 OF CHAPTER 7 OF DIVISION 9, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2926 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2927 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13b. HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND ELECTRICAL WORK - Fire Station No. 1, 1701 Crenshaw Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR: That the City Council award contracts to the low bidders and contingencies as follows:

Hart Air Conditioning & Heating Service Company	$22,790
Edelco, Electrical Contractor	7,700
City Crew Work	800
Contingency and Cost Escalation of Materials	1,000
	$32,290

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. ANTI-NEPOTISM ORDINANCE.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that this matter should be referred to Council Committee for further review, particularly as it relates to the MOU aspect.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to refer the subject item to the Council Employee Relations Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. ZC 79-15, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL. Initiation by the Torrance City Council for a change of zone to add the Hillside Overlay District to areas of the Coastal Zone not already included, as an implementing action of the Local Coastal Plan. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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 public hearing on ZC 79-15, 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 Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 79-15. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Considered by the Council, out of order:

15c. ZC 79-14 and GPA 79-2, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL: Change of zone from P-U to P-U (R-1,PP), and a General Plan Amendment from Public Use to Low Density Residential on property located at 220 Via Riviera (Parkway School Site). PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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

Mayor Armstrong inquired if anyone wished to be heard, this being the time and place for the subject public hearing. 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: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and Planning Commission for approval of ZC 79-14 and GPA 79-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to:

15b. D 77-6, CHARLENE PICKARTS and ANTOINETTE THOMPSON: Reapproval of a previously approved Division of Lot by the Planning Commission to create two lots in the R-1 zone on property located between Bluff Street and Paseo de las Tortugas, approximately 450 feet west of Via Valmonte. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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 Rossberg moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of D 77-6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15d. EA 78-39, TORRANCE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: Appeal of Environmental Review Board determination that the Crenshaw Boulevard Widening (between Maricopa and Carson Streets) Environmental Impact Report is adequate and accurate. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AS FINAL.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the continued hearing on the appeal of the determination of the Environmental Review Board re: the adequacy and sufficiency of the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed widening of Crenshaw Boulevard between Maricopa and Carson Streets. The Mayor then outlined the specific environmental considerations to be discussed, noting that this was not a hearing on the proposed street widening. Comments from the audience were then invited by Mayor Armstrong.

Speakers were:

Mr. Medven, 912 Crenshaw Boulevard: Deemed the EIR inadequate, with specific note of Page 75, project alternative, and the comment that property deterioration would result. Mr. Medven further stated that he cannot see that the eucalyptus trees on the west side of the street should be preserved over a 10-14 ft. cutback in existing property on the east side of the street. The street width impact was also described by this speaker.

Mr. A.H. Harrington, 916 Crenshaw Boulevard: Does not wish to lose 15 ft. of his property -- the tree row should come out completely; the existing curb and sidewalk can remain, and there would be no problems.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to incorporate the testimony of this date into the Report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Council certify the adequacy and accuracy of the subject EIR; it has been prepared in compliance with CEQA and EIR guidelines, based on the following findings:

a. The Environmetal Impact Report on the proposed widening of Crenshaw Boulevard between Maricopa and Carson Streets is an information document which will inform decision-makers and the general public of the environmental effects of the proposed project.

b. That the EIR contains discussions of the significant environmental effects of the proposed project; significant environmental effects which cannot be avoided if the project is implemented; mitigation measures proposed to minimize the significant effects; alternatives to the proposed project; the relationship between local short term uses of the environment, and the maintenance and enhancement of long term productivity; indications of significant irreversible environmental changes which would result from the proposed action if implemented, and the growth-inducing impact of the proposed action.

c. That the EIR also contains the comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR; a list of persons, organizations and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR and the responses of the City through its consultant, Ultrasystems, Inc., to significant environmental questions raised in the review and consultation process.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

It was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert that she will support the motion, but not enthusiastically, for the reason that there is need for more detailed information regarding questions posed. In concurrence was Councilman Brown.

Roll call vote on Councilman Applegate's motion was unanimously favorable.

Specifically noted by the Mayor, for incorporation in the material on this matter, was the September 28, 1979 communication from Mr. Robert N. Hanson (of record).

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16. APPEALS:

16a. APPEAL OF AMERICAN NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION license denial to solicit funds.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place to hear the subject appeal, and, following presentation by License Review Board Chairman Payne, invited comments from the appellant.

Mr. Howard Bidna, attorney representing ANVA, reviewed the License Review Board findings, contents of pertinent City ordinances, and generally reaffirmed the grounds for the appeal, per August 10, 1979 communication, of record. ANVA activities were detailed by Mr. Bidna, and response was made to License Review charges. The October 31st, 1978 Financial Statement was provided, and Mr. Charles Rorick, CPA, provided desired clarification. There was further input regarding ANVA practices by Mr. Green, 8312 Drybank, Huntington Beach.

Mr. Ed Greene, Madrona Homeowners Association, deemed it "wrong for your Honorable Body to reward somebody for violating the law...."

It was noted by the Police Department that 15 days after the License Review Board made their decision, ANVA was in the City of Torrance -- they were issued Citation No. 512727, and a crime report has been filed with the City Prosecutor.

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 Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to DENY THE APPEAL for the following reasons: Based on information presented, this activity is not promoted for non-profit purposes but is conducted for private profit; the cost of raising funds is excessive; and the solicitation is inimical to the convenience, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16b. SIGN APPEAL - John Wernig (Southland Corporation).

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject appeal, and, following Staff presentation by Building and Safety Director McKinnon, invited comments from the appellant.

Mr. John Wernig, representing Southland Corporation, described the need for adequate identification at the subject location, problems presented by trees and traffic, visibility factors, like situation at 226th and Hawthorne store, etc., and requested favorable Council action on the appeal.

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

It was the opinion of Councilman Walker that the fast-moving traffic on Artesia Boulevard, and problems of visibility warrant a pole sign in this case. In concurrence was Councilman Rossberg who added that there would be little impact on the area with a pole sign and it would greatly benefit the appellant.

Based on the residential character of the street, though busy, the current upgrading of adjacent City property, and the general neighborhood use of this type of store, Councilwoman Geissert MOVED to support the findings of the Planning Commission and the Environmental Quality Commission, and to DENY THE APPEAL. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

17a. RESTORATION OF CROSSING GUARDS - See Page 6.

19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19a. RESOLUTION re: Destruction of City Records.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-188. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - New Turf Maintenance Equipment.
Re: Budgeted 52" Rotary Mowers
(Ref. Bid #B79-44) Expenditure: $17,574.80

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:
That Council award the contract for the four units to Toro Pacific Distributors for the Toro units in the total amount of $17,574.80, including tax.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Furnishing Asphalt Plant Mix
Re: Bid #B79-54 Anticipated Expenditure: $186,078.00
(6-month contract)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:
That Council permit Hunt Mix, Inc. to withdraw its bid, and that Council award a 6-month contract for required asphalt to Vernon Paving Company in the total anticipated "use" amount of $186,078.00.

20c. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR ASPHALT PAVER.
Ref. Bid #B79-60

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:
That all bids received for Bid #B79-60 be rejected in order that Staff can rebid for a new larger unit as required by the Street Department.

20d. AIRPORT NOISE MONITORING SYSTEM:

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:
Since the Airport Noise Monitoring System has been delivered and is operating in accordance with contract terms and system specifications, it is recommended that Council accept the system and authorize final payment of $236,068 to EG&G Washington Analystical Services Center, Inc.

20e. LIBRARY MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION.
Bid #B79-57 Expenditure: $16,727.95

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY LIBRARIAN/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR: That Council award the contract for required magazine subscriptions for the Library, for calendar year 1980, to MOORE-COTTRELL SUBSCRIPTION AGENCIES, INC., in the total amount of $16,727.95.

20f. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:
That your Honorable Body approve 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.

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

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Regarding Item 20d - Airport Noise Monitoring System - it was the request of Councilman Rossberg, concurred in by the Council, that Staff now move forward with the issuing of citations for repeated violations of the Airport Noise Ordinance.

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Councilman Applegate requested Staff investigation re: reported height after takeoff violations.

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The hour being 10:02 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning at 10:35 P.M. An Executive Session re: Agency business was held at the conclusion of the Council meeting -- See Page 16.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate requested that Director of Transportation Horkay remedy the need for white lines on Torrance Boulevard.

22b. Councilman Brown noted the need for Staff investigation re: malfunctioning signal at 190th and Hawthorne.

22c. Councilman Brown commended Department of Transportation personnel for their efforts at the recent community meetings re: the South Bay Transit Study.

22d. Councilman Brown recommended that the City Attorney be instructed to restrain any further solicitation attempts by ANVA (Item 16a). There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22e. Councilman Rossberg asked that Staff follow up on concerns re: traffic signals at Lomita Boulevard and Granier Street.

22f. Councilman Rossberg complimented Park and Recreation Department Staff members for the Charles H. Wilson Park development and dedication ceremonies.

22g. Councilman Walker expressed his pleasure at the activities offered at the recent League of California Cities meeting.

22h. Councilman Wilson likewise enjoyed the Charles H. Wilson Park dedication but was disappointed at the lack of citizen attendance.

22i. Councilman Wilson urged that cleanup efforts at 190th and Prairie, the Columbia Park site, be accelerated.

22j. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition for John Parker, winner of the championship race for International Formula Midgets at Reno. Another Torrance winner, Ms. Judy Wagner, should also be acknowledged.

22k. Mayor Armstrong reported on notification by Congressman Glenn Anderson that Torrance is one of the eight sites in the United States to be selected to operate a pilot Consolidated Youth Employment Program.

22l. Mayor Armstrong commended Sr. Associate Traffic Engineer Collins for his handling of the Crossing Guard matter (Item 17a).

22m. Ms. Janice Parker, 2512 Sierra Street, reviewed problems of the Crenshaw widening project, and requested the erection of temporary barriers on Sierra Street.

Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Director of Transportation investigate this matter and follow through accordingly (it being assumed there has been Traffic Commission approval). The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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(Formal Council business was concluded at 10:55 P.M., at which time the Redevelopment Agency recessed for an Executive Session. The Agency returned at 11:25 P.M. and the action taken is duly recorded in their minutes of this date.)

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James R. Armstrong
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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