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Adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 1979, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Brown arrived at 5:55 P.M., Councilman Applegate at 6:50 P.M. Absent: None.

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

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At 5:31 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning at 6:30 P.M.

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At 6:30 P.M., the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: pending litigation, returning to its agenda at 7:00 P.M.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Mary Wright led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Terry Smith, Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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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:Employee Relations:

Met on October 22nd - report forthcoming to the Council.

Finance:

November 7th at 5:00 P.M. - Quarterly Budget Review.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PLAQUE TO MR. JOHN CHRISTOPHER.

In recognition of his long service to the City, Mayor Armstrong presented a plaque to Mr. John Christopher, retiring Human Resources Commissioner.

8b. INTERVIEW TO FILL VACANCY ON THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION.

It was the direction of the Council that there be at least three applicants to be interviewed.

Also noted was the resignation of Water Commissioner Carroll Terry.

City Clerk Nelson advised that she would reschedule interviews to fill both vacancies on November 27, 1979, at 7:00 P.M. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

8c. PRESENTATION - Quarterly Beautification Scene Awards - Fall 1979.

Fall Beautification Awards were presented the following by Environmental Quality Commissioner Kundakjian:

Residential:

Paul and Natalie Burton
2838 Winlock Road

Commercial:

Dr. Robert Robbins
2275 Torrance Boulevard

Industrial:
Cushion Cut
2565 - 237th Street

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. RESOLUTION RE: Storm Drain in Arlington Avenue
from Border Avenue to Sartori Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-197

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 CONSTRUCTION OF A STORM DRAIN UNDER RAILROAD TRACKAGE AT SARTORI AVENUE AND ARLINGTON AVENUE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-197. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 10b. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION - Weed Abatement Program
1979-80.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-198. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10c. RESOLUTION authorizing Overall Work Program Agreement
with SCAG.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS TO RECOVER A PORTION OF THE COSTS INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE'S SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

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Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-199. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Rossberg that Staff be instructed to be "watchdogs" of situations, similar to this, where Staff is required to do work that really isn't necessary, and that the matter be taken on to the appropriate bodies. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION re: MOU between Management and Crossing Guards Unit.

ORDINANCE NO. 2932

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART XVII, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR RECURRENT CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2932 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 16, 1979 TO JULY 30, 1980

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-200. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to appropriate \$8,600 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to cover included wage and benefit adjustments for the balance of 1979-80. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. REVISION OF CLASS SPECIFICATION - Equipment Supervisor.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND PERSONNEL SERVICES: That Council adopt the revised class specification for Equipment Supervisor.

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

14c. WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT.

RECOMMENDATION OF SR. ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. WINER:

That your Honorable Body authorize Staff to enter into a contract, not to exceed \$36,000, with Claims Administration Services (CAS) to (1) assume responsibility for workers' compensation claims administration for a period of time not to exceed one year, and (2) to assist the City in its transition to a program of self-administration.

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

15. HEARINGS:

15a. V 79-2, DRILTROL, INC. (Robert Miladinovich).

See Page 8.

15b. Resolution re: Application for Operating Assistance - Urban Mass Transportation Act.

See Page 10.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR/PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: That your Honorable Body accept the donations from the El Camino Kiwanis Club, MaxiCare Corporation, and Dog Obedience Club of Torrance, acknowledge the generosity of these gifts, and appropriate same for the purposes intended.

17b. RESOLUTION re: Contract Renewal for Administration of Self-Insured Liability Insurance Program - 1979-1980.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND R.L. KAUTZ AND COMPANY FOR THE LATTER TO PERFORM GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS SERVICING

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-201. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2929.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 92.29.13 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD FOR FILING SUBDIVISION MAPS, RATHER THAN A ONE YEAR PERIOD

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2929 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19a. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES ON CITY-INITIATED CALLS TO VAN LINGEN BODY SHOP, INC.

See Page 11.

19b. RESOLUTION re: CITY/COUNTY/AGENCY AGREEMENT RE: DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY, THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX INCREMENTS DUE TO THE TWO PERCENT INFLATIONARY INCREASE ALLOWED BY PROPOSITION 13

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-202. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Painting the interior of Fire Station #1 - (Ref. Bid B79-63) Expenditure: \$12,300.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council award a contract for the required repainting of Fire Station #1 to the low bidder, Parker Painting, in the total amount of \$12,300.00, including applicable taxes.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Printing of Book Tab Cards for the City Library - (Ref. Bid #B79-65) Expenditure: \$6,528.96

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body award a contract for the required book tab cards in the amount of \$6,528.96, including tax, to Globe Ticket Company.

- 20c. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Construction of Improvements in Greenwood Avenue between Carson and Monterey and in Arlington Avenue between 239th and 240th.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor.

- 20d. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Installation of Water Main in Sierra Street from Elm Street to Crenshaw Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEMS MANAGER:

1. That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Summit Underground, Inc.; and
2. That an additional \$1,500 be appropriated from the Water Revenue Fund to cover current costs.

- 20e. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - Purchase of Luminaires, Lamps and Photo Electric Lighting Controls (Ref. Bid #B79-61) Expenditure: \$12,756.04

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council award a contract to Crown Wholesale Electric Company in the amount of \$11,342.00, including tax, for 100 each luminaire with photo controls. It is further recommended that Council award a contract to Graybar Electric Company in the amount of \$1,414.04, including tax, for 100 each lamps for the above named luminaires.

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

The Council now returned to:

15. HEARINGS:

15a. V 79-2, DRILTROL, INC. (Robert Miladinovich): Request for permission to use a mobile office building in the R-1 zone at 2353 and 2359 - 231st Street. 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, following Staff clarification regarding the nature of the proposed building, invited comments from the audience.

Ms. Ann Woodward Lippert, 4166 Via Lado, (property owner at 2358 - 231st Street), representing some 15 residents in the subject area, requested denial of V 79-2 -- an office in a residential area is inappropriate and unfair to the homeowners. Ms. Lippert also reviewed the unresolved status of the Wilson/Driltrol negotiations of several years ago.

The proponent, Mr. Robert Miladinovich, 22937 Arlington Avenue, outlined the necessity for the proposed office building, which will also serve to store fuel oils, chemicals, etc.

Speaking in opposition to the subject request were: George Clark, 2243 West 231st Street; Ms. Betty Ponsford, 2306 - 231st Street; Bill Scarpino, 2317 West 231st Street; and Tom Hasaki, 2362 West 231st. Objections voiced were: the storage of chemicals and petroleum products; overall safety factors, long standing problems associated with oil operations; negative aspects of commercial building in a residential area; possible hazards to children, etc.

Ms. Johnson, owner of property at 230th Place and Pennsylvania, reviewed the past history of this property and the merits of the "trade off" now presented.

Mr. Scarpino returned to reiterate strong concern regarding the storage of toxic chemicals on the property.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Wilson moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion ensued. Considered were abatement provisions, variance standards, the storage of chemicals and petroleum products. Fire Chief Slonecker advised that further review would be necessary in order to determine whether or not the chemicals and petroleum products would create a hazardous condition.

It was the consensus of the Council that this item be held until further Staff input can be provided regarding the areas of concern.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to hold Item 15a until the Council meeting of November 13th, at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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- 15b. RESOLUTION re: Application for Operating Assistance -
Urban Mass Transportation Act.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 79-203

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 AN OPERATING
ASSISTANCE GRANT UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964,
AS AMENDED

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-203. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:19a. AWARDING OF TWO YEAR CONTRACT FOR TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES ON CITY INITIATED CALLS TO VAN LINGEN BODY SHOP, INC.RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. Van Lingen Body Shop, Inc., be awarded a new 2-year contract.
2. Van Lingen provide a minimum of 5 trucks instead of the minimum of 4 trucks as set forth in the specifications.
3. The fee structure be comparable to those fees set forth by the Los Angeles Police Commission but changes must have the approval of the Torrance City Council before implementation.
4. The fees to be established in Exhibit "D" of the specifications.
5. (Deleted)
6. (Deleted)
7. The Police Department report back to the Council in 13 months (approximately December 1980) with a status report on Van Lingen, Inc. covering, but not limited to, such areas as:
 - Average response time
 - Meeting of specifications
 - Performance during the year.

Committee findings were reported by Councilman Applegate.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee (deleting Items #5 and #6) and that the contract be awarded to Van Lingen Body Shop, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. Frank Scotto, 20318 Regina, towing service owner, reviewed at length the outstanding service record of his company, expressed his disappointment at the Committee's recommendation, and urged consideration of "dividing the City". (Police Captain Randall detailed the problems presented by such an arrangement.)

The motion to concur with the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker (prefers two contracts)

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS;

22a. Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson announced that the mechanized refuse collection started this date and will become a regular service.

22b. Councilman Brown noted Staff communication, of record, regarding processing of the Local Coastal Plan, indicated support of the recommendations contained therein, and requested Council concurrence that Staff so proceed. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22c. Councilman Wilson requested Staff review re: the marking of readable prices on products law which expires this year and the appropriate role for the City in this matter.

22d. Mayor Armstrong reported recent praise of the Building and Safety Department Staff by local building contractors -- they were deemed most efficient and highly professional personnel.

22e. Mayor Armstrong noted the October 29th tour of parking structures.

22f. Mr. Phillip Haverman, 3030 Merrill Drive, representing Torrance senior citizens, noted the acute need for affordable senior citizen housing. The Mayor referred him to the Planning Department for a status report on this matter.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


SHERIE L. NELSON, Clerk of the
City of Torrance, California