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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, October 30, 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, Deputy City Attorney Freeman and City Clerk Nelson. Absent: City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Ruthy Enrietta led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Earl Douglas, Assembly of God Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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:
November 7th at 5:00 P.M.

Community Planning:
November 8th at 5:00 P.M.

Transportation:
November 5th at 5:00 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RESOLUTION re: Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Forest Service for Rose Parade Float.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FOREST SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROVIDING FOR THE SHARING OF COSTS FOR THE FLOAT TO BE ENTERED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE 1980 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-205. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "American Veteran Organization Week" - November 5-11, 1979.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. CONFIRMATION OF 1979-80 YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS.

RECOMMENDATION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE:
That the City Council confirm the following people for the 1979-80 Torrance Youth Council:

Robert Barrett - South High School
Kenny Chen - West High School
Debbie Estrada - West High School
George Geary - El Camino Jr. College
Patrick Klein - Bishop Montgomery High School
Chris Kopec - El Camino Junior College
Lily Nozaki - North High School
John Snider - Member-at-Large - South High School
Sandra Sperry - North High School
Chris Rauschenbach - Member-at-Large - West High School
Mike Willens - South High School

The oath of office was administered by City Clerk Nelson, and congratulations were extended by the Council on confirmation of these appointments.

9b. NIGHT LIGHTING - Torrance and El Nido Parks.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION/ PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT: That your Honorable Body approve the expenditure of the funds appropriated for the upgrading of the night-lighting of Torrance and El Nido Parks, using a high pressure sodium system, and direct Staff to commence the bid process.

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

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. RESOLUTION re: CUP 79-24, Daniel Kim.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-UNIT CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21108 AMIE AVENUE CUP 79-24, DANIEL KIM

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-206. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12b. Ordinance re: ZC 79-7, Daniel Kim.

Withdrawn.

12c. Ordinance re: ZC 78-26, Albert Bernardo.

Withdrawn.

12d. Ordinance re: Condominium, Stock Cooperative Development Standards.

ORDINANCE NO. 2933

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 36, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) DISTRICT;

SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR PROVISIONS
REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPLE
OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES
(CONDOMINIUMS, COMMUNITY APARTMENTS
AND STOCK COOPERATIVES, ETC.) AND
ESTABLISHING STANDARDS, GUIDELINES
AND RULES THEREFOR; AND AMENDING OTHER
GUIDELINES OF SAID CODE RELATING THERETO

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2933 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Council discussion ensued, it being the recommendation that the subject ordinance be revised as follows: Section 91.36.8 a) to state "payment in full of the standard relocation payment"; 91.36.8 g) insert the figure of $1000; that Alternative 1 be adopted striking "f" as proposed and inserting instead from the Emergency Ordinance Section 91.36.9, sub-paragraph 2; SECTION 9 (last page) delete reference to "tentative tract map, tentative parcel map".

Councilman Wilson amended his motion to incorporate the above stated recommendations. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12e. 1979-80 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION - Provision of Housing for Low and Moderate Income Persons

Staff presentation, and desired clarification, was provided by Planning Associate Warot.

Ms. Kay White, president, League of Women Voters of Torrance, in a prepared statement, of record, expressed approval of Alternative 3.

Representing the Executive Board of the Southwood Homeowners, Mrs. Barbara Honeycutt reaffirmed their "long held position in favor of local control" (written statement, of record).

Mr. Bob Hosler, Beach Cities Counsel on Aging, noted the serious problem of senior citizen housing.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that Item 12e. be referred to the Community Planning Committee for further input, review and recommendation. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. RESOLUTION requesting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to include General Aviation Noise Impact in the 1980 Report to Congress.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO INCLUDE GENERAL AVIATION IN ITS REPORT TO CONGRESS IN MARCH OF 1980

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-207. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. RESOLUTION modifying Management Employees' Organization MOU.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 79-184 AND ADOPTING A NEW PROCEDURE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-208. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION AMENDING RESOLUTION 79-151

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-209. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14b. Resolution re: MOU - Bus Operator Training.

Withdrawn.

14c. Resolution re: Supplemental MOU - Torrance Professional and Supervisory Employees.

Withdrawn.

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The hour being 7:00 P.M., Mayor Armstrong ordered a 10-minute recess.

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15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 79-15 and PP 79-9, THE TORRANCE COMPANY. Request for permission to expand the Del Amo Fashion Square Mall and Del Amo Center by means of an elevated mall and parking structure across Carson Street. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL AND INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON ECONOMIC ANALYSIS ON DEL AMO FASHION CENTER EXPANSION.

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. Staff presentations were provided by Planning Associate Ferren, Budget Officer Ng (Impact Study) and Associate Transportation Engineer Glass (Traffic Study).

Mr. Don Patcheak voiced his concerns regarding traffic problems and increased crime represented by the proposed project.

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

Following discussion, Councilman Rossberg MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of CUP 79-15 and PP 79-9, subject to approval of the forthcoming zone change and variance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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It was necessary for Mayor Armstrong to leave the Council Chambers temporarily, and in his absence, Mayor Pro Tem Applegate conducted the meeting.

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16. APPEALS:

16a. SIGN APPEAL - "The Federated Group", tenants of Old Towne Mall, 19800 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Staff presentation was provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Wilfred Schwartz reviewed the imperative need for the requested 10' x 10' signing, as well as the action of the Environmental Quality Commission (of record), with note of the confusion surrounding the 7' x 7' sign.

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

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the subject appeal for the reason that 10' x 10' sign is better looking than the 7' x 7' sign, approval subject to Staff conditions #1 and #2 (Condition #3 deleted by Staff). The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Brown: That this matter be referred back to the Environmental Quality Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Applegate
ABSTAIN: COUNCILEMBERS: Mayor Armstrong.

The main motion to grant the appeal, subject to Staff conditions, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Applegate
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Armstrong.

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Mayor Armstrong resumed chairmanship of the meeting at this time.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PROCEDURES.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY CLERK:

1. Precincts for the General Municipal Election be consolidated to a four-to-one ratio, with a few exceptions;
2. The City pay the following fees to election officers and polling-place owners: $29 for Inspectors; $24 for Judges and Clerks, $25 for Polling Places; and $15 for Custodians;
3. The City Council authorize the use of the Automatic Voting Devices for the 1980 General Municipal Election, as provided by the Diamond International Corporation;
4. The polls be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
5. The City Council authorize the Self-Mailer Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet and to not provide the "Other Materials" mailing;
6. In the event of City Measures, the City Council approve an English-Only Voter Information Pamphlet with a statement declaring all information contained will be mailed upon request in Spanish; and
7. The City Council take no action to increase the limitation of words for the Candidates' Statements of Qualifications from 200 to 400 words, but authorize a candidate who files a Statement of Qualifications at the 1980 General Municipal Election be required to pay a proportionate sum of the cost of printing, but not to exceed $300.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Clerk, amending #1 to a "two-to-one ratio". The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate: That the ratio be on a three-to-one basis; seconded by Councilman Rossberg, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The main motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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17b. RESOLUTIONS re: Employment of Bond Counsel and Financial Consultant for the Police Facility Revenue Bond.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-210

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EMPLOYING O'MELVENY AND MYERS AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE NEW POLICE FACILITY

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-210. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MERRILL LYNCH WHITE WELD CAPITAL MARKETS GROUP (MERRILL, LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER AND SMITH) FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTANT SERVICES RELATING TO THE NEW POLICE FACILITY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-211. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2932.

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

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2932 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Budgeted 52 ft. Manned Aerial Lift - (Ref. Bid #B79-62) Expenditure: $47,569.36

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:
That Council award a contract for the required manned aerial lift to the low bidder, the California Truck Equipment Company, for a Hi-Ranger unit, in the total amount of $47,569.36, including tax. Funds are already appropriated for this purchase.

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

21. ADDENDA ITEMS:

21a. RESOLUTION re:Adoption of MOU - TCEA.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-212

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

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-212. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Six 40-ft. Transit Coaches. Ref. Bid #B79-56 Expenditure: $736,786.92

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:
That Council authorize the purchase of six 40-ft. Canadian transit coaches from Flyer Industries, Ltd. of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, per Bid #B79-56, in the total amount of $736,786.92, including California sales tax.

Desired clarification was provided by Purchasing Supervisor White and Transportation Administrator Schmidt.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Purchasing Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:55 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 9:05 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Rossberg commended the press coverage regarding the Airport Noise Abatement ordinance and the enforcement thereof.

22b. Councilman Walker expressed appreciation to his associates, and the rewarding relationship during his first year of office as a Councilman.

22c. Ms. Susan Bachmann, owner of Susan's Pot and Plant Shop at Pacific Coast Highway and 242nd Street, reported the traffic problems at this location and the negative financial impact on her business.

Mayor Armstrong referred this matter to the Department of Transportation for review and recommendation, to be returned to the Council agenda of November 13th.

At 9:15 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, November 13, 1979, at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Minute Secretary

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City of Torrance, California

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Mayor of the City of Torrance