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Adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

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SHERIE L. NELSON, Clerk of the
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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, November 20, 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:

Mr. Forrest Hunt led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Charles Magnusum, Del Amo Christian Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, 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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Employee Relations:
November 26th - 5:00 P.M.

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Community Planning:

Housing Tour - December 1st at 9:00 A.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PLEDGE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TOWARDS PROPOSED NEW POLICE FACILITY.RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE:

That the pledge of \$4000 from the Los Angeles County Medical Association be accepted, and that upon completion of the Physical Fitness Room, a proper plaque be mounted honoring Dr. George Hill and the donation.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police, and, further, that a letter of appreciation go forward. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "Christmas Seal Season" -
November 12-December 31, 1979.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with Torrance Area Youth Band, Inc.RESOLUTION NO. 79-219

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 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BAND, INC., FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1979-80

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-219. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

9b. RESOLUTION re: Confirmation of Gene Barnett to Torrance Information Systems, Inc.RESOLUTION NO. 79-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ELECTION OF GENE BARNETT TO MEMBERSHIP IN TORRANCE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC., A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-220. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. REFUSE DISPOSAL PRIVILEGES AT A TRANSFER STATION FACILITY.RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSFER STATION STUDY TEAM:

Based on the complex nature of this subject, the long range operational and economical impact to the City, and the very recent information received from the County Sanitation Districts, it is recommended that the City Council refer this matter to one of the following:

1. A workshop session of the City Council at large.
2. A standing committee of the City Council.
3. An ad hoc committee of the City Council for the subject at hand.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that the Council meet in a workshop session on this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Weed Abatement - Fall, 1979 and Spring, 1980 (B79-72)RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Gary's Lot Cleaning and all other bids be rejected.

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

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:12a. ORDINANCE re: ZC 79-20, The Torrance Company.ORDINANCE NO. 2935

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO DESIGNATE ZONING TO C-3, AIR RIGHTS ABOVE CARSON STREET LOCATED BETWEEN DEL AMO FASHION SQUARE AND DEL AMO CENTER AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 79-20, THE TORRANCE COMPANY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2935 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 12b. RESOLUTION re: V 79-3, The Torrance Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING CASE NO. V 79-3, THE TORRANCE COMPANY

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-221. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. RESOLUTION re: Workers Compensation Analyst.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EXTERNALLY FUNDED EMPLOYEES, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 79-138

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-222. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 14b. RESOLUTION re: Bus Operator Trainees.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-223

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 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 1117, AFSCME, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 79-154

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-223. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 14c. RESOLUTION re: Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding - Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-224

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 PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 79-132

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-224. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 14d. NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION - Senior Water Service Lead Technician.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL SERVICES/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: That your Honorable Body adopt the new class specification for Senior Water Service Lead Technician.

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

16. APPEALS:

- 16a. D 79-28, DANNY HARRELL & CRAIG P. BERNHISIL.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. RESOLUTION re: 1979-80 REDEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADVANCING THE SUM OF \$119,028 TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO FUND THE AGENCY'S 1979-80 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE MEADOW PARK, FASHION WAY AND DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-225. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17b. REVIEW OF BUSINESS TAXES FOR VENDING MACHINES.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STAFF:

The per machine basis of taxing vending machines be retained.

Council amend the City Code placing a maximum business vending machine tax for each location by one owner of \$3,000.

The fiscal impact of this action will be a loss of approximately \$3,200 in 1980 revenues.

Council amend the City Code establishing the new rates on alternative E (Exhibit E) and listed below:

Type	Prev. Approved 1980 Rate	Proposed 1980 Rate	Adj.
Amusement	\$ 67	\$ 50	\$ (17)
Laminating	18	9	(9)
Shoe Shine	18	9	(9)
Postage Stamp	3	4	1
Bulk Vending	3	4	1
Scale	2	3	1

The fiscal impact of this action will be a loss of approximately \$6,000 in 1980 revenues.

Council take no action regarding the refunding of business taxes to vending machines. No other business taxes are refunded.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Armstrong.

Protesting the business tax rates on vending machines were: Harold Stubber, 3201 East 59th Street, Los Angeles; Irving Jacobs, Holly Vending Service, 6308 West 78th Street, Los Angeles; Tom Rockwell, Rockwell Vending Company; and George Loeb, California Industrial Vending, Cerritos.

Discussion ensued, and the following action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the Staff recommendation, with the exception of food items and miscellaneous vending machine products (as itemized on Page 7 of Staff material, of record) -- these rates are to remain unchanged, with no increase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: To concur with Staff recommendations, excluding food items and miscellaneous vending machine products (per Page 7) -- WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CIGARETTE MACHINES WHERE THE NEW RATES SHALL APPLY. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2933.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 Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2933 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:19a. JOG-A-THONS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.RECOMMENDATION OF JOG-A-THON TEAM:

1. That Option 5 be adopted.
2. That the Park and Recreation Department be designated as the lead department for information and referral regarding the coordination of running events within the City.
3. That the City Council identify the Airport and Wilson Park Routes as the desirable courses and authorize the License Review Board to consider the use of other routes on a case-by-case basis.
4. That the City Council direct the City Attorney to draft the appropriate amendment to the Parade Permit Ordinance.

Staff presentation was provided by Acting Park and Recreation Director Barnett.

Mrs. Charlotte Lobb, 1843 West 244th Street, related her recent experiences in the organization of a 10-kilometer run for the Volunteer Bureau, and offered constructive suggestions for a successful Jog-A-Thon.

Mr. Joe Vergaser, 23129 Peacock Ridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, commended the subject study but suggested that the number of participants not be limited; further, some of the courses can be modified.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Jog-A-Thon Team. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Ms. Linda Burke, 28129 Peacock Ridge Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, reaffirmed the desire of the American Heart Association for the City of Torrance to co-sponsor with them a 10-kilometer run in Torrance on February 10, 1980. Ms. Burke then outlined the considerations involved in such a run and a "co-sponsorship".

Council discussion was directed to the matter of "co-sponsorship" vs. "association", liability concerns, insurance, costs, etc., and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved "conceptual approval" of the subject request, referring the matter to Staff to return with a definite proposal, clarifying the above expressed concerns. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of 2 Budgeted Replacement Rubber-Tired Diesel Tractors with Front Loader.
(Ref. Bid B79-73) Expenditure: \$29,115.47

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That your Honorable Body award a contract for the purchase of the two budgeted tractors to the low responsive bidder, the Milo Equipment Company, in the total amount of \$29,115.47, including tax.

20b. EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS SPECIALIST POSITION.RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That an Employment Programs Specialist position be created to coordinate the Consolidated Youth Employment Program (CYEP). Although this recommendation will result in an additional CETA staff position when funding levels are fluctuating, there is an immediate need for an individual to devote full time efforts to the continued development and implementation of this program.

The City will be highly visible to the Federal Government in light of the experimental nature of CYEP. Because we are one of only eight CETA Prime Sponsors to be given the responsibility of developing this model program, it is vital that the effort be closely monitored by the Employment Programs Specialist in order to ensure effectively and meaningful results.

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

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The hour being 6:55 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:56 P.M.

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The Council now returned to:

16. APPEALS:

- 16a. D 79-28, DANNY HARRELL & CRAIG P. BERNHISIL. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a request for a lot line adjustment for the purpose of construction of a new house in the R-1 zone at 2212 Del Amo Boulevard. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND DENIAL.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject appeal, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

The proponent, Mr. Craig Bernhisil, reviewed the merits and necessity of the requested lot line adjustment. Architect Allen Snaff likewise noted the merits of the desired lot line adjustment.

Mr. Ruben Ordaz, 2231 Del Amo Boulevard, voiced the objections of the residents to the proposed 25 ft. lots -- it would set a precedent.

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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was stated by Councilman Walker that he would not vote in favor of a lot split on a 50-ft. lot, but he would not deny someone the opportunity of building a house on an existing 25 ft. lot. In this case, this is a buildable situation and would prove an asset to the subject area.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to grant the subject appeal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That the Council concur with the Planning Department and Planning Commission for DENIAL of D 79-28. The substitute motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro introduced newly appointed City Librarian James Buckley.

22b. City Manager Ferraro noted the forthcoming holiday season, with Christmas Day and New Years Day both occurring on Tuesday.

It was the direction of the Council that December 25th and January 1st be dark nights, with Council meetings to resume on Tuesday, January 8, 1980.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert noted the substantial vandalism in evidence at Tillim Center, and suggested Staff review regarding a possible residency arrangement for a college student in exchange for guard services.

22d. Staff review of the 235th and Maple curve, noting recent accident at this location, was requested by Councilwoman Geissert.

22e. Councilman Rossberg expressed thankfulness -- for the outstanding City Staff, a conscientious City Council, and for the very fine City of Torrance, the best place to live.

Concurrence with these comments, and best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving were conveyed by the entire Council.

22f. Mayor Armstrong announced that the new Mayor Pro Tem is Councilman Walker, and thanked Councilman Applegate for his contributions as retiring Mayor Pro Tem.

22g. Mr. Bill Hirsch, 909 - 6th Street, Santa Monica, representing Lincoln Properties re: property off Plaza del Amo, requested that the Council execute an agreement to negotiate exclusively with Lincoln Properties in order to demonstrate site control for presentation to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mayor Armstrong referred this matter to the City Attorney, Planning Director and the Land Management Team.

22h. Ms. Susan Bachmann, Susan's Pots and Plants, advised the Council re: communication from the affected Pacific Coast Highway property owners stating they were not notified of the action taken by the City, and wish to protest the elimination of the left hand turn off Pacific Coast Highway on behalf of all their tenants as it has proven very detrimental to their businesses.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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