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Adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

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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 27, 1979, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember's Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker and Mayor Armstrong. Councilmembers Brown and Wilson arrived at 7:05 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Ed Enrietta led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was eloquently provided by Mayor Armstrong.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilmembers Brown, Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting.)

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Employee Relations:

Met on November 26th; report forthcoming to Council.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. DONATION BY PACIFIC SOUTH BAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION -
For the purchase of trees for Sunnyglen Park.

A check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Pacific South Bay Homeowners for the purchase of trees for Sunnyglen Park was presented by Mrs. Marty Summercamp. This generous gift was most gratefully accepted by Mayor Armstrong.

8b. DONATION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE BY MR. FRANK TORINO, SR.RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION,
SENIOR CITIZEN COUNCIL AND STAFF:

1. That your Honorable Body accept the generous donation of equipment and furniture from Mr. Frank Torino, Sr.
2. That a letter be sent to Mr. Torino on behalf of the City acknowledging our thanks and appreciation of his donation.

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

8c. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented Mr. Carroll Terry by Mayor Armstrong, in recognition of his dedicated service on the Water Commission.

8cc. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION - Building and Safety
Director McKinnon.RESOLUTION NO. 79-204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING BUILDING AND
SAFETY DIRECTOR JOHN J. MCKINNON FOR HIS
SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-204. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

This Resolution of Commendation was gratefully accepted by Mr. McKinnon, with appreciation to the Council and Management for their support of this endeavor.

8d. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS:

Applicants present for the Human Resources Commission were: Lawrence Gasteiger, Jr. and Ms. Hope Witkowsky. Applicant William Henderson was unable to be present.

With Councilman Walker abstaining because of a business relationship with one of the applicants, a tie vote resulted between nominees Gasteiger and Henderson. Councilman Brown MOVED to hold the subject appointment until January 15, 1980. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. ORDINANCE re: Special Permit in Areas of Special Flood Hazard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2936

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO DIVISION 7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT IN AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD WITHIN THE CITY, REQUIRING SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES IN SUCH AREAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2934 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2936 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. CUP 79-28 and TT 37671, Ishikawa Associates, Inc.
Request for permission to continue development of an approved project with one less visitor parking space than required by new standards for condominium construction on property located at 2724 Arlington Avenue.
PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Director Shartle. There was further input and clarification by the applicant, Mr. Mike Ishikawa.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and Planning Commission for approval of CUP 79-28 and TT 37671. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 12b. ORDINANCE deleting certain Conditional Use Permit provisions for residential care facilities.

ORDINANCE NO. 2937

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DELETING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 95.3.9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERMITTING REST HOMES, CONVALESCENT HOMES, NURSING HOMES AND THE LIKE IN R-1 AND R-2 ZONES, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2937 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Council discussion ensued, prior to roll call vote. "Local control" concerns were strongly expressed by Councilman Rossberg. Councilwoman Geissert questioned the inclusion of (Sec. 95.3.9) Section 1 e); the reference to a specific number ("two or more children...") could present future problems.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Walker: That the Council adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2937 at its first and only reading, deleting Section 1 e) of Section 95.3.9. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

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- 14b. ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION re: MOU - Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees Organization.

ORDINANCE NO. 2938

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY PART XV OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR RECURRENT RECREATION EMPLOYEES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2938 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR RECURRENT RECREATION EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 18, 1979 TO JULY 30, 1980

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-226. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to approve an appropriation of \$14,500 from the Unappropriated Reserve to cover these changes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. GPA 79-3, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL. Initiation of amendments to the Housing Element of the General Plan to incorporate City Council policies regarding condominiums and cooperatives.

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

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, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendation to adopt subject resolution as rewritten to include policy on displaced tenants and to incorporate language found in the condo/co-op ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, 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. 79-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED AUGUST 29, 1974, BY RESOLUTION NO. 74-196, INCORPORATING POLICIES REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDIVIDUALLY OWNED MULTI-RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND THE CONVERSION OF EXISTING MULTI-RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS TO INDIVIDUALLY OWNED MULTI-RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

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Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-227. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. RESOLUTION re: Request for Services - 1980 Torrance General Municipal Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON MARCH 4, 1980

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-228. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17b. RESOLUTION re: Utilization of Los Angeles County Data Processing System to produce CETA Participant Reports.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF CETA DATA PROCESSING SERVICES IN THE CITY'S GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-229. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCE.

- 18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2935.

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

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2935 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Storm Drain in El Nido Area north of 186th Street (Phase C) - (B79-74)

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That the contract be awarded to Steve Bubalo Construction Company and all other bids be rejected.

- 20b. CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER INTERCONNECT IN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That \$8,500 in Sewer Revolving Funds be appropriated for the Crenshaw/Pacific Coast Highway Sewer Interconnect.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Sanitary Sewer Lateral to Southwest Skyways at Torrance Municipal Airport (B79-77)

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

That the contract be awarded to Westco Construction and all other bids be rejected, and that the additional \$2,500 be appropriated from the Airport Fund.

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

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The hour being 7:55 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:56 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro announced the departure of Mr. Ed Parr from the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation, with note of the long, pleasant business relationship between this gentleman and the City.

22b. Planning Director Shartle extended an invitation to all interested parties to participate in a tour of housing developments in the Los Angeles area on Saturday, December 1st, at 9A.M.

22c. Councilman Applegate reported on the improved status of hospitalized Police Chief Nash.

22d. Councilman Brown reviewed the impending closure of the U.S. Steel Plant and requested a Staff report regarding the impact of same.

22e. Councilman Brown commended the Planning Staff for their comprehensive Housing report -- most excellent material. Councilwoman Geissert concurred in this praise, also noting the outstanding research work coming out of the Planning Department.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert noted the not yet returned Paramedic Fees; City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the case is scheduled to be heard on November 28th.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that if this matter is not resolved within ten days, that Staff be directed to make every effort to locate the 300+ people who paid the subject fees with inquiry as to whether or not they have received outside reimbursement, with some method of certification of those statements. Further, after reasonable period of time, refunds should be issued to those people with a disclaimer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, BUT FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Walker; Mayor
Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Rossberg,
Wilson.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that the City Attorney return with a report on the status of this matter.

22g. Councilman Rossberg referred ^{to} a recent advertisement by Silverwoods and its reference to/location as "Del Amo", with the request that the City Manager advise them that "Torrance Del Amo" would be more appropriate.

22h. Mayor Armstrong noted the requirement for shopping center employees to park at distant sites from the complex -- this makes it a long dark walk for late-working employees. It was the expressed hope of the Mayor that employer groups in this area provide adequate protection by way of trams, escorts, etc. Police Captain Hone reported on efforts in this regard now underway.

22i. The U.S. Steel closure was elaborated on by Mayor Armstrong -- per interview with Wall Street Journal reporter -- and it was his request that City Staff, along with the Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Steel officials, do whatever they can to alleviate the burden of joblessness, along with planning for alternate land uses so that this land in the City of Torrance is put to its best use.

City Manager Ferraro reviewed the "Task Force" efforts currently in progress.

The Council now returned to:

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

At 8:20 P.M., the Council recessed for the subject Executive Session, returning at 8:50 P.M. No.action was taken.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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