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Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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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, December 11, 1979, at 7:00 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:

Lance Corporal Michael Borgwat, U.S. Marine Corps, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Pastor George Detor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of October 30, 1979 and November 13, 1979, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, 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 Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Community Planning:

Monday, December 17th, 1:00-5:30 P.M. - Tour of Moderate and Low Income Housing.

Community Planning:

December 20th at 5:00 P.M.

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At this point in the meeting, Ms. Armita Grajeda, 2204 West Del Amo Boulevard, expressed the gratitude of the Pueblo residents for the overwhelming response by the community during the recent Mobil Oil fire -- their gracious communication is of official record.

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9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. CHARLES H. WILSON PARK - Development of Phase II.RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

That your Honorable Body accept the low base bid of \$775,842 and award the contract for Phase II development of Charles H. Wilson Park to Victor Construction Company, Inc. and appropriate \$77,954 to fund the five alternative bids to complete the park, as per the Master Plan, as the most viable alternative.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

The City Manager is in agreement with the recommendation to accept the low bid in the amount of \$775,842 for the construction of Phase II development. However, the City Manager is not recommending that any additional funds be allocated for additional work proposed in the alternative bids. This recommendation is based on our funding limitations for other capital improvement needs of the City.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Park and Recreation Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9b. JOG-A-THONS, 10-KILOMETER, OR OTHER LONG-DISTANCE RUNS.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

1. The City Council direct the City Attorney to draft the proposed amendments to Chapter 7 of the Municipal Code.

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2. The American Heart Association be permitted to conduct a 10-kilometer run in the City of Torrance on March 16, 1980, subject to the conditions prescribed in Chapter 7 of the Torrance Municipal Code.
3. The City not participate as cosponsor.
4. The event be conducted at no cost to the City.

It was the added recommendation of Acting Park and Recreation Director Barnett relative to condition #2 above, that approval be conditional on the request of the American Heart Association going through the normal License Review Board process.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting Park and Recreation Director, including the above added recommendation of Mr. Barnett. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. RESOLUTION re: Crenshaw Boulevard Grade Separation - Right-of-Way and Reimbursement Agreement with Shell Oil Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-234

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 THE SHELL OIL CORPORATION FOR PIPELINE RIGHTS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN RELOCATING AND LOWERING THEIR FACILITIES FOR THE CRENSHAW BOULEVARD GRADE SEPARATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-234. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12a. ORDINANCE modifying CUP process permitting nursing homes in Torrance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2940

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

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2940 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. ORDINANCE establishing rules of order for the meetings, government and conduct of business of the City Council.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to refer Item 17a. to the Finance Committee with an invitation to Councilmembers to submit comments in writing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

17b. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with Sister City Association - Fiscal Year 1979-80.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-235

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 AND THE TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1979-80

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-235. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17c. RESOLUTION re: Agreement for furnishing necessary labor - Rose Parade Float Decoration.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-236

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 AND THE TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION FOR FURNISHING LABOR NECESSARY FOR THE DECORATING OF A FLOAT IN THE 1980 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 79-236. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCE.
 18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2939

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1.40 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM THE "ANTI-NEPOTISM" ORDINANCE THROUGH ADOPTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COVERING THE SUBJECT MATTER

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2939 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. Analysis and conclusions regarding a local ordinance governing the marking and readable prices of food goods.

WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA.

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT to purchase Two Fire Department Pumpers.

RECOMMENDATION OF FIRE CHIEF AND CITY MANAGER (AS MODIFIED:
 That Council authorize the purchase of two (2) pumpers from Crown Coach Corporation of Los Angeles, California, per bid #B79-67.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation, approving the purchase of two pumpers. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- 22a. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported on the successful conclusion of the matter of the return of paramedic fees, with the able assistance of Attorney George Kurtz.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to direct the City Manager and the Director of Finance to make the subject payments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22b. Mayor Armstrong appointed the following Ad Hoc Committee re: U.S. Steel land: Councilmembers Applegate, Rossberg; Mayor Armstrong, chairman.

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The hour being 7:30 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:20 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.):

22c. Councilman Applegate affirmed his concerns regarding the Mobil Oil fire, and expressed his desire for a Staff report concerning same. Fire Chief Slonecker advised that an informative report, with concrete recommendations, would be available in approximately 60 days.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert reviewed the matter of voter participation and registration, and urged that there be extensive publicity in this matter to the end that the voter turnout will be greatly increased.

22e. Councilman Rossberg voiced concern regarding the hostages in Iran, and, to show Torrance's support of national efforts, offered the following suggestions:

1. Silent prayer, or regular prayer, at Council meetings until hostages are released.
2. Ask residents to fly flags until such release is effected.

Concurrence with these sentiments was expressed by the Council, and Staff review was requested by the Mayor.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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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