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Adjournment at 8:11 p.m.

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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Prepared by Office of City Clerk  
DONNA M. BABB, CITY CLERK

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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, January 15, 1985, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The salute to the flag was led by Miss Trowbridge.

4. INVOCATION:

Father George Detor, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt the minutes of December 4, 1984, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Transportation Committee  
Thursday, January 17, 1985, 4:00 p.m.  
Subject: Touch and Go Ban (Survey)

Community Planning and Design Committee  
Thursday, January 31, 1985, 4:30 p.m.  
Subject: Hillside Ordinance

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with sadness, the passing of Miss Ruth Fite and Mrs. Edna Babcock, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in their memories.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Held until the hour of 6:30 p.m. - see Pages 11-13.

8b. RESOLUTION RE CITY OF LAWDALE ANNIVERSARY:

City Clerk Babb assigned a number and read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF  
LAWDALE UPON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
INCORPORATION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-9. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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This recognition was accepted, with appreciation by Mayor Kruse of the City of Lawndale.

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Mayor Armstrong introduced and formally presented to the Council Miss Lisa Clanton, Miss Torrance of 1985. The best wishes of the City were extended to this lovely and talented young lady.

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8c. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 26, 1985, "C.P.R. SATURDAY:"

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong and accepted by Miss Linda Chung, West High School.

Considered out of order --

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. RESOLUTION RE "FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH:"

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Clerk Babb read title to the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 85-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING JANUARY  
1985 AS "FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH"

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-10. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that your Honorable Body confirm the following individuals for the 1985 term of the Senior Citizens Council:

Howard Gendall - Senior Citizens Golf Club  
Aubrey "Doc" Gregg - Torrance Adult Club

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Mary Locke - Riviera Club  
 Etta Morgan - McMaster Club  
 Ursel Nolte - American Association of Retired Persons  
 Helen Parrish - Hollywood Riviera Club

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to confirm the above appointments to the Senior Citizens Council for the 1985 term. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9b. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S 1983-84 ANNUAL REPORT:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to receive and file the subject report, with commendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and there being no objection it was so ordered.

9c. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING  
 THE APPROPRIATION OF \$17,061 FROM  
 THE GENERAL FUND TO COVER THE 1984/85  
 EXPENSES OF THE CERTIFIED FARMERS'  
 MARKET IN TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-11. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Mock, Nakano,  
 Walker, Wirth and Mayor  
 Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RESOLUTION RE LEASING OF GROUNDWATER PUMPING RIGHTS:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Clerk Babb read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A WATER RIGHT LICENSE AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE WATSON LAND COMPANY FOR LEASING 80.2 ACRE-FEET OF WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATED TO THE WATSON LAND COMPANY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-12. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. RESOLUTION RE TME-AFSCME CORRECTING ERRORS IN CURRENT AGREEMENT:

City Clerk Babb presented the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-13

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 TME-AFSCME AMENDING RESOLUTION 84-236

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-13. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. HEARINGS:15a. D 84-26, PCR 84-9, ZC 84-3, ROBERT L. HEFINGTON:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an administrative appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Lot Line Adjustment and a Planning Commission Review and request for approval of a Zone Change from R-2 to R-P to allow the construction of a two-story office building at 2700 West 182nd Street. D 84-26, PCR 84-9, ZC 84-3, ROBERT L. HEFINGTON.

Proof of publication was presented by City Clerk Babb and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

The Planning Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval of the Zone Change, Lot Line Adjustment and Planning Commission Review and denial of the appeal.

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Mr. Tom Yuge, 4535 Darien Street, project engineer, submitted correspondence from Christ The King Lutheran Church, immediately adjacent to the subject property, indicating approval of the proposal. Clarification, as desired, was provided by Mr. Yuge.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak on this item, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to deny the appeal and approve the project (D 84-26, PCR 84-9 and ZC 84-3). Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried without objection.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3131

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 2700 WEST 182ND STREET FROM R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-P (RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL)  
ZC 84-3: ROBERT L. HEFINGTON

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve Ordinance No. 3131, at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15b. CUP 84-24, GWF POWER SYSTEMS CO. (PAUL STIGLIC):

Mayor Armstrong announced receipt, from the appellants, of a request for continuation of City Council consideration of an appeal of the subject case.

Mr. Paul Stiglic, Manager of Engineering at GWF Power Systems (home address 5409 Calle de Ricardo) indicated the applicant's concurrence with the requested continuation and suggested that a meeting be arranged between interested parties and City staff in an effort to respond to concerns regarding the proposed project. At the direction of Mayor Armstrong, staff will coordinate such a meeting.

There being no objection, Agenda Item 15b was continued to the City Council meeting of January 29, 1985 (a 5:30 meeting).

15c. PP 84-20, THOMAS CHANDLER: (Continued Hearing)

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a single-story addition to an existing single-family residence in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 316 Via Linda Vista (PP 84-20, THOMAS CHANDLER).

Proof of publication was presented by City Clerk Babb and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Planning Director Ferren provided clarification regarding the present status of the subject appeal, it being his understanding that the appellant, Ms. Rustanius, has accepted the plans as modified.

Planning Associate Bihn noted that the silhouette at the subject site has been reconstructed to accurately depict the modified plans including the angle cut-off at the northeast corner of the proposed addition, as well as a one-foot reduction of the eastern portion of the rear extension.

There being no one present who wished to speak on this matter, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to deny the appeal and approve PP 84-20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE R-1 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 316 VIA LINDA VISTA  
PP 84-20: THOMAS CHANDLER

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-14. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. REALLOCATION OF TORRANCE IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION FUNDS.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY MANAGER:

Staff recommends that the Torrance Improvments Corporation construction funds be reallocated as follows:

T.V. Studio	\$ 2,125,000
Fire Station No. 6	1,649,000
City Yard	<u>11,269,000</u>
	<u>\$15,043,000</u>

The attached schedule summarizes project financing to date. The total funds allocated remain the same and it appears that adequate funding is available for all three projects.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above stated staff recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 13 and 14.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. FAIRCHILD APRON, PHASE II.

B 84-10

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the work be accepted and that final payment be made to the contractor, McGrew Construction Co., Inc.

20b. AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION PROVISION

Re: Contract to print 150,000 Transit Bus Schedules  
awarded to Western Map Company, November 1, 1983

Ref: Original Bid No. B83-57

Anticipated Expenditure: \$20,092.50 (including tax)

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RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is recommended that in accordance with the one (1) year renewal option provision contained in our contract, that Council authorize the "renewal" of said contract with WESTERN MAP COMPANY, Glendale, CA, for another year with pricing, terms and conditions unchanged, in the anticipated expenditure of \$20,092.50.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of 20 Budgeted Xerox Diablo printers and sheet feeders with a 1-year on-site maintenance service.  
 Ref: Bid No. B85-1  
 Expenditure: \$58,754.92.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract for the purchase of 20 of these printers and sheet feeders (Item 1: 20-Diablo 630 API Printer/Terminal; and Item 2: 20-Diablo F-32 Cut Sheetfeeder) from the Avnet Electronics Company in the total amount of \$52,222.42 (including tax) and (Item 3: 20-Cable Sets; and Item 4: 20-1 year on-site Maintenance Agreements) for the necessary cables and maintenance service from the Data West Company in the total amount of \$6,532.50 (including tax).

- 20d. AWARD OF CONTRACT  
 Re: Purchase on one (1) Hersey Model MFM II-MVR Fire Line/ Master Meter (8" x 4") and 6" MHR Domestic Water Meter as a reimbursable purchase.  
 Expenditure: \$8,822.46 including tax (Reimbursable).

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

Since this expenditure is fully reimbursable and the Reynolds Aluminum Company has already deposited the funds to purchase these meters with the City, it is recommended that Council award a contract to the sole source supplier, the manufacturer, Hersey Products, Inc. of Los Angeles, CA in the total amount of \$8,822.46, including tax.

- 20e. AUTHORIZATION TO REJECT A SINGLE BID RECEIVED and to rebid Bid No. B85-2 for roof top air conditioning systems.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is staff's recommendation that the bid received from South Bay Heating and Air Conditioning be rejected and the project be rebid.

20f. RELEASE OF REMAINING SUBDIVISION GUARANTEE  
TRACT NO. 38906 (Milner Dev. Corp.)  
 So. side of Spencer, East of Anza

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject Time Certificate of Deposit be released.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d, 20e, and 20f. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:00 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the regular Council agenda at 6:03 p.m.

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(21a. See Page 3).

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert highly praised the Torrance Fire Department for their handling of a recent fire at the Willow Tree Apartments. Mrs. Geissert also expressed appreciation to adjoining Cities who rendered assistance during the crisis.

22b. Councilman Wirth reported that the issue of the "super trucks" has been settled "for the time being."

22c. Mr. Peter Lacombe, 3848 Carson Street, Suite 207, reported on the present status of the SOAR/Garen lawsuit, and requested, on behalf of the individual homeowners who have been served, that the City of Torrance file an Amicus Brief in this matter and take any other action that the City deems appropriate.

22d. Mr. Clark Garen, owner of property at 933 Calle Miramar, reviewed his past actions regarding Torrance Airport noise considerations, and proposed that the City Council appoint a special Airport Advisory Committee to be composed of Mayor Armstrong, Mr. Peter Lacombe as a representative of the homeowners, and himself as a representative of the aviation community, said Committee to be charged with studying the entire Airport situation with a report back to the Council within 60 days.

22e. Ms. Ramona Cortez, Southland Farmers' Market Association, 1010 South Flower Street, Room 402, Los Angeles, expressed appreciation for the Council's action in approving funding for a Torrance Certified Farmers' Market (Page 4, Item 9c).

22f. Mr. Frank Schilling, 23511 Evalyn Avenue, announced that the South Bay Boy Scout Organization will hold its "kick-off" fund raiser at St. Lawrence Church, January 16, 6:00 p.m.

22g. Councilman Walker MOVED that the City Council concur with the request as presented by Mr. Lacombe regarding the SOAR/Garen matter (see Page 10, Item 22c). His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that consideration of the above motion be held until after the Executive Session at the close of this meeting.

Mr. Remelmeyer then noted, for the benefit of the homeowners involved, that the City Attorney's Office, after determining the best manner in which to proceed, will so advise the Council.

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Councilmen Walker and Applegate agreed to hold the above motion until after the Executive Session.

Individual Councilmembers generally concurred that it would be inappropriate to discuss the matter prior to its consideration in the Courts.

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At 6:25 p.m., a brief recess was called. The Council reconvened at 6:35 p.m., to consider the following - -

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8a. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

By unanimous ballot the Council made the following Commission appointments:

Planning Commission:

Dee Hardison  
Harvey Horwich

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Airport Commission:

Michael Bedinger  
Thomas Nosek

Civil Service Commission:

James Amato  
John Federle

Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation  
Commission:

Willis Delperdang  
Bill Wright

Fine Arts Commission:

George Kiriyaama  
Cecilia Laxton

Human Resources Commission:

Jackie Saner  
Maureen O'Donnell

Library Commission:

Mary Cooper  
Suzanne Distaso  
Joseph O'Brien

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Linda Brown  
Iris Jacobs

Traffic Commission:

John Bramhall  
Jerry Nishioka

Water Commission:

Paul Burton  
Kay White

City Clerk Babb administered the oath to all newly appointed Commissioners.

It was the request of City Clerk Babb that appropriate recognition be afforded all out-going Commissioners, and that the date of February 26, 1985, be established for filling the Commission vacancies created by this evening's action.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried without objection.

Considered at this time --

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following statement was read into the record by Mayor Armstrong:

The City Council will now recess to a closed (executive) session for the purpose of conferring with and receiving advice from the City Attorney regarding three items of pending litigation to which the City is a party.

- A. William Hanapel and Karen Teson v. City of Torrance, Southern Pacific Railroad Co., et al, Case No. SWC 53161, Superior Court of Los Angeles County;
- B. City of Torrance v. James E. Murphy and James E. Murphy v. City of Torrance, et al, Small Claims Court for South Bay Judicial District, subsequently ordered transferred to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County; Small Claims Court Number SC 179168.
- C. Save Our Airport From Restriction Committee and Clark Garen vs. City of Torrance and United States of America, Case Number CV 9543, United States District Court, Central District of California.

Said closed session is held therefor pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Attorney regarding pending litigation concerning the Park Del Amo Project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh. This is being done pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 54956.9(c).

The City Council will also recess to closed session to give instructions to the City Manager and his staff regarding negotiations with representatives of the Torrance Unified School District in connection with the acquisition by the City of the Greenwood School property site. Authority for holding a closed (executive) session for this purpose is contained in California Government Code Sections 54956.8.

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At 7:35 p.m., the City Council recessed to Executive Session, returning at 8:10 p.m., to take the following action:

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended, in the case of Hanapel and Teson v. City of Torrance, Southern Pacific Railroad Co., et al, a settlement as stated in the City Attorney's letter to the Council.

Councilman Walker MOVED to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 8:11 p.m., the meeting was regularly adjourned to January 22, 1985, at 7:00 p.m.

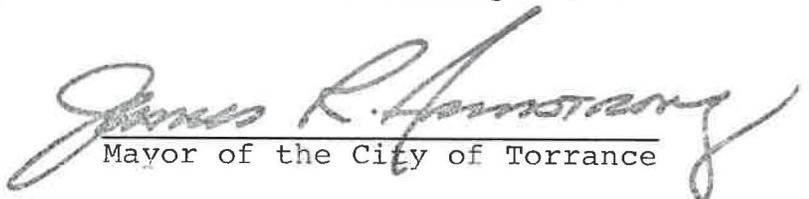
Adjournment was dedicated to the memories of Miss Ruth Fite and Mrs. Edna Babcock.

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Peggy Laverty  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance