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Torrance City Council - January 22, 1985

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Adjournment was at 8:20 p.m.

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Minute SecretaryCity Council
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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 22, 1985, at 7:00 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:

Miss Betty Stewart, Torrance High School student, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved for adoption of the minutes of December 11, 1984. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote proved 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. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning and Design Committee
Thursday, January 24, 1985, 4:00 p.m.
Subject: Temporary Sign Ordinance

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

Considered out of order at this time --

21. ADDENDUM MATTER:21a. PROCLAMATION RE TORRANCE JAYCEES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NIGHT January 24, 1985:

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MR. TOM PROGEN
FOR BEING AWARDED THE TORRANCE JAYCEES
"DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD"

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-15. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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The Council now returned to --

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR THE
POST SUBSTATION LITTLE LEAGUE SITE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-16. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett noted a correction in the staff material on this item, final paragraph under ANALYSIS should correctly indicate a figure of \$1,336.00 (rather than \$1,386.00 as shown).

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt the Resolution was unanimously favorable.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. APPROPRIATION OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR THREE STORM DRAIN PROJECTS:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Drainage Improvement Funds be appropriated as follows:

1. \$33,000 for the Apple drain;
2. \$50,000 for the Camino de las Colinas drain;
3. \$32,000 for the Calle Miramar drain.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and with the recommended appropriations. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10b. APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS
ADJACENT TO THE CITY YARD (MADRONA AVE. @ SPENCER ST.):

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

The Engineering Department recommends that:

- 1) Shirley Brothers, Inc. proceed with the necessary roadway and signal modifications as included within the original contract as awarded on July 31, 1984.
- 2) An appropriation of \$80,000 in Gas Tax Funds be made to cover all costs associated with the roadway and signal modifications.

It was the comment of Councilman Applegate that the cost for the street improvements might better have been absorbed by the project, thus freeing the above Gas Tax funds for needed improvements in other areas of the City.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. REVISED ALLOCATIONS AND PLAN OF SERVICE UNDER JOB TRAINING
PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA):

RECOMMENDATION OF PIC/PERSONNEL MANAGER:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body:

- 1) Approve the modified FY 885 plan;
- 2) Authorize staff to proceed with contract negotiations with those vendors identified in the plan, and
- 3) Authorize staff to solicit proposals from interested vendors for the provision of employment and training services.

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

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3131:

City Clerk Babb 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: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3131, at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE CONTRACT RENEWAL OPTION PROVISION.

Re: Contract to provide window cleaning services for City Buildings, awarded December 13, 1983

Ref: Original Bid No. B83-71

Anticipated Expenditure: \$5,656.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:

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 the Contact Cleaning Company for another year with pricing, terms and conditions unchanged, in the anticipated expenditure of \$5,656.00.

20b. COUNCIL APPROVAL - Purchase of One (1) Replacement

"Special Use" Vehicle

Expenditure: \$8,445.80

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/POLICE CHIEF/EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

It is recommended that Council approve of the purchase of this replacement "Special Use" vehicle from Budget Rental Car Sales Company, for the total amount of \$8,445.80 including tax.

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Funding for this program is from the City Equipment Revolving Fund with proceeds from the sale of the vehicle taken out of service to likewise be returned to that same fund.

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

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At 7:12 p.m. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the regular Council agenda at 7:40 p.m.

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21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. See Page 2.

21b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Considered later in the meeting - see Pages 7 and 8.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate announced plans for the 5k and 10k runs prior to this year's Armed Forces Day Parade.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert inquired regarding the proposed Fire Training Facility and was advised by Chief DeYoung that this item will be submitted as a capital improvement project -- further information will be forthcoming to the City Council when available.

22c. It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that information regarding controls for commercial properties immediately adjacent to residential uses be forwarded to the Planning Commission prior to its submittal to the City Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert commented on an editorial in the Daily Breeze of this date entitled "Quiet Airport Noise," questioning the following statement included therein: ". . . No other small local airport in the State restricts touch and go practice so strongly." A report of such restrictions at other airports was requested by Mrs. Geissert.

22e. Councilman Mock requested that appropriate Council recognition be initiated for Mr. Jim McDonnell, acknowledging his lifesaving actions at the time of the Willow Tree Apartments fire.

22f. Councilman Walker announced that Pioneer Theaters are in the process of establishing a scholarship fund at each of the Torrance High Schools.

22g. The following appointments were made by Mayor Armstrong:

Councilman Mock - liaison to Torrance Rose Float Association (to serve along with Councilman Wirth who was earlier appointed).

Councilman Applegate - reaffirmed as delegate to Independent Cities Association.

Councilwoman Geissert - delegate to Private Industry Council (PIC), Mayor Armstrong to serve as alternate.

22h. Mr. John Garfield, Council 36 AFSCME AFL-CIO, on behalf of the Torrance Municipal Employees Local 1117, requested that the City Council require the Civil Service Commission to hear the merits of the recent dismissal of probationary employee Gwen Shaw.

It was the suggestion of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for a report, noting that, at the present time, City Ordinance precludes the Civil Service Commission from having jurisdiction in such matters.

Noting his understanding that a meeting has been set for consideration of the miss-out program, Mayor Armstrong requested the City Attorney to meet with Mr. Garfield at the earliest possible time regarding Ms. Shaw, with a recommendation to be returned to the City Council.

The Council now returned to --

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Armstrong read the following statement into the record:

The City Council will now recess to a closed (executive) session for the purpose of conferring with and receiving

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advice from the City Attorney concerning 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 Section 54956.8.

At 7:58 p.m., the Council recessed in Executive Session, returning at 8:20 p.m. for formal adjournment (no action was taken as a result of the Executive Session).

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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance