

I N D E XTorrance City Council - March 5, 1985

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
<u>OPENING CEREMONIES:</u>	
1. Call to Order	1
2. Roll Call	1
3. Flag Salute and Invocation	1
4. Withdrawn or Deferred Agenda Items	1
<u>STANDARD MOTIONS:</u>	
5. Approval of Minutes	1
6. Motion to Waive Further Reading	2
7. Council Committee Meetings	2
<u>8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:</u>	
8a. Proclamation Declaring March 1985 Energy Conservation Month	2
<u>10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:</u>	
10a. Airport Drive Improvement Project	2,3
10b. SCROC Roadway Widening	3
10c. Resolution re Street Lighting District 17	3
<u>16. APPEALS:</u>	
16a. S84-39, Leo's Stereo	3-5
<u>17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:</u>	
17a. Resolution re Torrance Memorial Hospital Medical Center Bond Issue	5
17b. Fees for Circus Vargas	5-7
17c. Torrance Exchange Club 5K Run	7,8
17d. Executive Session	10
<u>22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	
22a. Councilman Applegate re Senior Inns of America	8
22b. Councilman Applegate re Group W	8
22c. Councilwoman Geissert re "American Demographics" article re City of Torrance	8
22d. Councilman Nakano re computer use	9
22e. Councilman Wirth congratulating Exchange Club	9
22f. Mayor Armstrong commending Exchange Club	9
22g. Mayor Armstrong praising Marriott Hotel	9
22h. Mr. Rod Brierly re services for Mr. Jerry Oles	9

Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

#

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

City Council
March 5, 1985

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

March 5, 1985

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, March 5, 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, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Water Systems Superintendent O'Cain led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend George Robinson, Torrance Church of Christ.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED AGENDA ITEMS:

Item 10b. Widening of SCROC Roadway - deferred.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of January 29, 1985, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

1. City Council
March 5, 1985

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 Design and Planning Committee
 March 6, 1985, 4:00 p.m.
 Subject: Temporary Sign Ordinance

Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee
 March 20, 1985, 4:00 p.m.
 Subject: Acquisition of Greenwood School,
 SCROC roadway and closure of Vine Street

* * *

Mayor Armstrong announced, with sadness, the passing of Mr. Jim Scarce and Mr. Jerry Oles, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in their memories.

* * *

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PROCLAMATION Declaring March 1985 to be Energy Conservation Month in the City of Torrance.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. AIRPORT DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body appropriate \$848,000 from the Airport Fund to complete Airport Drive improvement from Aero Way to Crenshaw Boulevard.

2.

City Council
 March 5, 1985

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

10b. SCROC ROADWAY WIDENING:

It was the request of City Manager Jackson that the subject item be deferred pending clarification of the School District's relationship to Vine Street -- to be considered by the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee at its March 20 meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to defer Agenda Item 10b. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

10c. RESOLUTION RE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 17:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-59

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PATRICK N. ROSSETTI FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 17 FOR THE YEAR 1985-1986

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-59. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

16. APPEALS:

16a. S84-39, LEO'S STEREO:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of Sign Case S84-39 by Leo's Stereo, an approved development to be located at the northeast corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard.

Councilman Wirth announced that he would abstain in consideration of this item as a member of his family is employed by Leo's Stereo. Mr. Wirth then departed from the Chambers.

Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy provided the staff presentation on this item, noting the recommendation of staff and the TEQECC for DENIAL of the requested 30-foot high ground (pole) sign, 54 square feet in area.

Representing Leo's Stereo as well as the developers of the parcel, Interstate Consolidated Industries, Ms. Carol Hoffman, 2300 Michelson, Suite 300, Irvine, indicated their willingness, in a spirit of compromise, to reduce the signs on the building from two at 2' x 79' and one at 2' x 38' to **three signs 3' x 30'**. Ms. Hoffman also advised that they would be willing to consider a slight modification in the height of the requested pole sign and increased setback of that sign.

Stating that they also own the Music Plus building at this same location, Ms. Hoffman advised that it is not their intent to request a pole sign for that building, nor would it be their intent to return later with a request for additional square footage on this 3' x 18' pole sign requested for Leo's Stereo. Exhibits graphically illustrating the proposed signage were submitted.

Council discussion ensued regarding modification of the pole sign height and setback to a line-of-sight in conformity with existing pole signs.

It was Councilman Walker's opinion that the pole sign height of 30 feet is proportionally correct, and he therefore MOVED to grant the appeal allowing the pole sign to be constructed without modification, with the understanding that the wall signs be reduced to no larger than approximately 3' x 30', and with the condition that there be no further request for a pole sign on the other (Music Plus) parcel.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate to request the proponent to return with design alternatives not to preclude the specifics set forth in the main motion above. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Mock,
Nakano and Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wirth.

Mayor Armstrong clarified the above action to require submittal of new graphics regarding the concept of the pole sign --

its setback, line of sight in relationship to existing pole signs, and height variations. It was requested by Mayor Armstrong that the matter be returned to the Council in two weeks.

Councilman Wirth returned to the Council Chambers at this time.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. RESOLUTION RE TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER BOND ISSUE:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CERTAIN BOND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO A REFUNDING ISSUE OF BONDS FOR THE TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL; APPROVING THE FORMS AND TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SAID HOSPITAL, THE INDENTURE BETWEEN THE CITY AND PACIFIC SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT, THE BOND PURCHASE CONTRACT, THE LETTER OF REPRESENTATION, AND THE IRREVOCABLE ORDER; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF 1985 SERIES A BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$29,000,000, AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 10.5% OR LESS; APPROVING THE SALE OF SAID BONDS TO JOHN NUVEEN COMPANY AND PAINWEBBER, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THESE AND ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution NO. 85-60. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17b. CIRCUS FEES FOR CIRCUS VARGAS:

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends that the request of the Torrance Jaycees that the City waive the fees for Circus Vargas be denied.

Councilman Nakano noted his observation of illegally posted Circus Vargas posters on utility poles, traffic control boxes, trees, etc. throughout the City and expressed his disapproval of same.

Representing the Torrance Jaycees was Mr. Chris Russell, P.O. Box 3007, President, who reviewed their request for waiver of fees for the Circus Vargas appearance on the old White Front parcel March 7 through 11. Mr. Russell advised the Council, in response to questions, that this would represent the fourth such activity sponsored by the Jaycees within the past calendar year, and disapproval of the requested fee waiver would substantially reduce the Jaycee's profit in this instance.

The overall fee structure for the City was reviewed by Sr. Management Assistant Rojas, who advised that the granting of the requested fee waiver would represent a cumulative loss of revenue from Jaycee sponsored events over the past one-year period of \$13,000.

Council discussion ensued, it being generally agreed that the subject site is no longer appropriate for carnival/circus type activities. Considerable dismay was expressed by Councilman Applegate regarding the actions of the Circus Vargas advertising representatives in indiscriminately affixing posters to trees, poles, etc. through the City, and it was Mr. Applegate's strong opinion that if this signage is not removed by the Circus Vargas representatives, he would expect the Jaycees, as sponsoring, agency to accomplish same in an expedient manner. Mr. Russell agreed.

Councilman Walker indicated that, in light of the position of the Jaycees in the matter, he would be willing to grant the requested waiver of fees in this instance; however, stressed that this was the last time he would vote for such a use of this site. Mr. Walker noted his anticipation of a timely recommendation from the Council Finance Committee to help solve the problem represented by extensive fee waiver requests from certain nonprofit organizations.

Councilman Walker SO MOVED to grant the request of the Torrance Jaycees to waive the license fees for Circus Vargas, as stipulated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

It was recommended by Sr. Management Assistant Rojas that Building and Safety inspection fees **not be waived**. Councilman Walker AMENDED HIS MOTION to so indicate. This amendment was accepted by Councilman Wirth, as seconder of the motion.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate to grant the requested waiver of fees, but to hold the issuance of a permit until the illegally posted signs are removed. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, but FAILED TO CARRY as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

The main motion to grant the requested waiver of fees not including the Building and Safety fees, CARRIED as indicated below.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

Councilwoman Geissert indicated her concern regarding any particular private non-profit organization overusing the system of exemptions, the dollar figure for this particular organization representing considerable public monies during a one-year period. Mrs. Geissert also expressed concern that possibly the Jaycees are being inappropriately used by entities desiring to avoid payment of fees to the City.

17c. TORRANCE EXCHANGE CLUB 5K RUN:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION/
POLICE CHIEF/FIRE CHIEF/PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body deny the request of the Torrance Exchange Club that the 5K Run scheduled for July 4, 1985, be run on the route proposed in Attachment A.

A brief staff presentation was provided by Principal Management Assistant Keane, who stressed that the recommendation for denial is not based upon the activity itself, but rather on the route selection which would represent undue disruption of traffic; would require large number of Police and other personnel; and is scheduled on a holiday when City safety and enforcement personnel are already working at capacity.

Representing the Torrance Exchange Club was Mr. Joe Quinones, 2415 West 238th Street, who requested approval of the route as submitted, stating that this is, in their opinion, the most desirable course for the event.

A brief Council discussion reviewing the July 4 activities and inherent traffic congestion, etc. resulted in the following action.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of staff for DENIAL of the subject request as submitted. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Armstrong directed staff to work with the Exchange Club in establishing an acceptable route for the proposed 5K run.

17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Page 10.

* * *

At 7:05 p.m. recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, reconvening as the City Council at 7:10 p.m. **without adjourning as the Agency**, for purposes of holding a Joint Agency/Council Executive Session at the close of the regular City Council agenda order (see Page 10).

* * *

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate noted that Senior Inns of America (application denied without prejudice by the Council at their meeting of February 26, 1985) has indicated a desire to **submit** a redesign of their project.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to direct Senior Inns of America to resubmit plans directly to staff to expedite consideration of the revised plans by the Planning Commission at its earliest available date, with an immediate appeal to the City Council if needed. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried without objection (Councilman Wirth ABSTAINED).

22b. Councilman Applegate noted receipt of information from Group W regarding modification to their franchise agreement and contracts with the City. Mr. Applegate indicated his displeasure at some of the requests, and suggested hearings before the Council at an appropriate time.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert called attention to an article in the January, 1985 issue of "American Demographics" wherein the City of Torrance is listed as one of the eight least distressed cities in the nation.

22d. Councilman Nakano offered the following --

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved that hours of operation of the Council computer terminal be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and that the central computer unit be mechanized to so restrict that particular terminal; further, that the Council Secretary will have exclusive use of the password. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

An extensive Council discussion ensued prior to roll call vote on the motion, it being pointed out by Mayor Armstrong that the entire matter of Council computer policy is under study and is to be returned with recommendations and options for Council consideration at a future date.

Councilman Mock requested that the above referenced report also include an analysis of potential security problems which should be addressed.

Councilman Wirth indicated his opposition to the above motion in that such restrictions would hinder the effective use of the computer by certain of the Councilmembers.

Councilman Nakano's above motion carried as indicated by the following roll call vote.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Nakano and Walker,

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

22e. Councilman Wirth congratulated the Torrance Exchange Club for their recent excellent "Roast" of Mayor Armstrong.

22f. Mayor Armstrong commended the Exchange Club, acknowledging their project to develop a shelter for battered and abused children and women, "a most worthy cause."

22g. The outstanding efforts of the Marriott Hotel in providing excellent facilities for various City functions were acknowledged by Mayor Armstrong.

22h. Mr. Rod Brierly, 23025 Madison Street, #18, AFSCME Secretary, provided information regarding services for Mr. Jerry Oles.

The Council now returned to --

17d. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

The City Council acting as the Redevelopment Agency will now recess to closed (executive) session for the purpose of conferring with and receiving advice from the Redevelopment Agency's counsel concerning the following:

Negotiations with Honda for development rights to 26 acres north of Torrance Boulevard, and east of Van Ness and questions of land acquisition within these same 26 acres.

The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Attorney regarding the following:

1. Pending litigation concerning the Park Del Amo Project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh.
2. 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.
3. Wages, hours and working conditions of certain employee groups.
4. Pending litigation with Group W concerning proposed amendments to its Cable TV franchise ordinance and contract with the City.

This closed session is being held pursuant to the following sections of the Government Code:

54956.9(c); 54956.9(a); 54957.6 and 54956.9(b).

At 7:33 p.m., the Agency/Council declared a five-minute recess, immediately followed by a Joint Executive Session, returning at 8:20 p.m. for formal adjournment to March 12, 1985, 7:00 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memories of Mr. Jim Scarce and Mr. Jerry Oles.

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

10.

City Council
March 5, 1985


City Clerk of Torrance


Mayor of the City of Torrance