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Adjournment at 9:21 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty
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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, April 2, 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:

Mr. David Aguilar led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Al Mace of the First Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt the City Council minutes of February 26, 1985, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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5. 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, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED AGENDA ITEMS:

Item 14c: Revision of Planning Associate Class Specifications -- WITHDRAWN.

Item 15a: CUP 84-66, Jack Wade's Bandstand, Inc. -- Police Chief Nash will ask for a continuance at the time this matter is to be considered.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning and Design Committee
April 11, 1985, 4:30 p.m.
Subject: Hillside Ordinance.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with sadness, the passing of Mr. Carl Kildoo, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RESOLUTION COMMENDING STANLEY E. REMELMEYER:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE COMMENDING STANLEY E. REMELMEYER
FOR THIRTY CONTINUOUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-73. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8b. RESOLUTION COMMENDING TORRANCE POLICE SERGEANT JAMES L. FARRAR:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING TORRANCE POLICE
SERGEANT JAMES L. FARRAR FOR BRAVERY AND
PROFESSIONALISM

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-74. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8c. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 7 THROUGH 13, 1985 AS "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK":

8d. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1985, AS "SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION AWARENESS MONTH":

8e. PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL, 1985, AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH":

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8f. EXCUSED ABSENCE - FINE ARTS COMMISSION:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body consider the request of Fine Arts Commission Chair, Elizabeth Settle, that she be excused from three successive meetings of the Fine Arts Commission without losing her appointment.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated request of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried without objection.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. RESOLUTION RE 1985 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS AND RUBBISH UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-75. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10b. RESOLUTION RE WATER LICENSE AGREEMENT:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-76

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 SHELL OIL COMPANY FOR LEASING 500.00 ACRE-FEET OF WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATED TO THE SHELL OIL COMPANY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-76. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10c. AWARD OF CONTRACT: 16" Water Main in Border Avenue between Carson Street and Sepulveda Boulevard B85-17.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEM SUPERINTENDENT:

- (1) That the contract be awarded to Sully-Miller Contracting Co. and all other bids be rejected; and
- (2) That \$35,000 be appropriated from the Water Revenue Fund to cover costs.

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

10d. UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES - AUTOHAUS LEASE AREA:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT MANAGER:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body appropriate \$10,000 from the Airport fund for undergrounding utilities at the Autohaus lease area.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above staff recommendation, with appropriation. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10e. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - Vacation of Portion of Plaza Del Amo:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the continued public hearing of Resolution of Intent No. 85-55 ordering the vacation of a portion of Plaza Del Amo south of Carson Street.

City Clerk Babb advised that an Affidavit of publishing and posting is on file.

Mayor Armstrong then invited audience comments. There being no response, Councilman Applegate moved to close the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF PLAZA DEL AMO SOUTH OF CARSON STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-77. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Applegate called attention to the practice over the years of the YWCA and Scout Center patrons using the westerly side of Plaza Del Amo for parking (that site now proposed for development and recipient of the subject vacation). Mr. Applegate suggested that the developer of the westerly parcel provide a parking easement for the YWCA and Scout Center during non-peak business hours.

In order that the developer might address the matter of a parking easement, Councilman Wirth moved to reopen the hearing. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried without objection.

Mr. Richard Greene, developer, expressed some concern regarding possible conflict of parking utilization, and received clarification from Councilman Applegate as to his intent that the flexibility of reasonable parking rights be preserved.

Acknowledging the well-recognized parking problems of the YWCA, Councilwoman Geissert nevertheless stated her opinion for the record that it would not be reasonable or even legal to require the developer to provide parking for these other entities during his own normal business hours. A parking arrangement with the YWCA for weekends and evenings would, in Mrs. Geissert's opinion, provide a great service and would be further enhanced by the addition of some on-street parking on the west side of Plaza Del Amo which will be gained by installation of the street improvements. It was suggested by Mrs. Geissert that the subject hearing be continued to allow the Planning Commission to address the matter of parking, with the subject of the street vacation subsequently to be returned to the Council.

Pointing out the negotiations, of record, between Mr. Greene and the YWCA, Mayor Armstrong suggested that, rather than continuing this matter, the vacation be accomplished tonight to be followed by Planning Commission consideration.

Mr. Richard Greene addressed concerns voiced by Councilman Applegate and stated that he has no problem in working with the YWCA regarding weekend and evening parking in his lot, and further noted that he would be amenable to possibly allow certain use of the lot during the daytime -- such as "Y" patrons dropping someone off in their parking lot and then continuing on. Mr. Greene advised that he is "more than willing" to work with concerned parties regarding parking.

Councilman Applegate indicated his concurrence with the spirit and intent of Mr. Greene's above statement.

Councilman Wirth then moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried without objection.

Roll call vote on Councilwoman Geissert's motion for adoption of the subject Resolution, was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT AND RAILROAD BRIDGE:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORICALLY AND ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD BRIDGE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-78. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Armstrong directed that copies of the above Resolution be forwarded to Southern Pacific administration and to interested and appropriate parties.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. ORDINANCE EXTENDING TOUCH-AND-GO MORATORIUM:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Babb read title to the following **Emergency Ordinance** --

ORDINANCE NO. 3134

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONTINUING IN EFFECT A MORATORIUM ON TOUCH-AND-GO OPERATIONS, STOP-AND-GO OPERATIONS, AND LOW APPROACHES ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND CERTAIN HOLIDAYS; AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3134. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

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Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Eli Alexander, Peninsula Aviation, questioned that another month and a half is now needed when the moratorium has already been in effect one and a half years, and he vigorously opposed any extension at this time.

Mr. Lou Vandenberg, Benbow Aviation, deemed this a "very costly experiment for all of us," and expressed his opinion that it is unjustified for the City to carry on such an action as the moratorium for such an extended period of time.

President of Rolling Hills Aviation, Mr. Bill Sherwood, requested that the ban on touch-and-go operations not be extended, stating that the ban is wreaking havoc on their financial status. Mr. Sherwood advised that he has been reduced from 25 employees to 6, and an extension on the touch-and-goes will be further devastating.

In response to Mr. Sherwood's inquiry regarding further possible extensions of the moratorium, Mayor Armstrong assured him that this will be the last, unless there is some compelling public interest that cannot be predicted.

Councilman Wirth noted that the Wyle Laboratories needs until at least the middle of April to conclude their study -- the matter will then be submitted to the Airport Commission prior to return to the City Council. Councilman Wirth stated that, although he is uncomfortable in extending the moratorium, it is his opinion that it is only proper to complete the study.

Mayor Armstrong expressed his understanding of the problem and his empathy with the FBO's; however, per the Mayor, to curtail it now without the time necessary to finalize the study would seem to him to devalue the study's worth.

Roll call vote on the Emergency Ordinance was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. RESOLUTION RE JTPA CONTRACTS WITH OTHER SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS:

At Mayor Armstrong's request, City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE

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CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST, THESE CERTAIN
 CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE
 SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA
 AND THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-79. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. REVISION OF CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PERSONNEL TECHNICIAN:

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

The Civil Service Commission, City Management, and Torrance City Employees Association recommend adoption of the revised class specification for Personnel Technician.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14c. REVISION OF EXISTING CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PLANNING ASSOCIATE:

Staff's recommendation that Agenda Item 14c be WITHDRAWN, was noted by Mayor Armstrong.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation to withdraw Agenda Item 14c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried without objection.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 84-66, JACK WADE'S BANDSTAND, INC:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an administrative appeal of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a dance lounge/restaurant on the south side of Carson Street approximately 600 feet west of Madrona Avenue. CUP 84-66, JACK WADE'S BANDSTAND, INC.

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

During the staff presentation, Acting Planning Associate Gibson advised that this matter was administratively appealed in order to bring the issues of traffic, hours of operation, and

character of the shopping center before the Council. Planning Commission/Department recommendation for approval of the Conditional Use Permit and denial of the appeal were noted.

City Manager Jackson noted concerns of Police Chief Nash (reference his request for continuance of the item, Page 2, Item 6) as to the method of alcoholic beverage licensing and types of activities that might be related to the operation.

It was the general consensus of the Council that this appeal should be heard this evening.

Representing Jack Wade Productions, 2033 South State College Boulevard, Anaheim, was Mr. Mike Kay, who provided a slide presentation and described like operations presently in existence at other locations.

Councilman Wirth referenced problems experienced by similar operations in another South Bay city, and was advised by Mr. Kay of the extensive security measures proposed for the subject operation.

Concerns were expressed by Councilwoman Geissert regarding the hours of operation until 2:00 a.m., the fact that hard liquor is sold onsite, and there is no age restriction placed on those patronizing the establishment. Mr. Kay responded by explaining the parameters established under the Type 47 liquor license under which they will be operating.

In response to Councilman Applegate's questions, Mr. Kay advised that approximately 65% of their business is derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages. In an effort to prevent problems, they would propose a security force of approximately 20 individuals to police the parking lot as well as the inside of the establishment, per Mr. Kay.

Audience comments were then invited by Mayor Armstrong.

First to speak was Mrs. Sue Herbers, 2264 West 230th Street, speaking as President Elect of the Torrance High Parent Teachers Student Association, who suggested the possibility of problems developing because of young people being attracted to this facility from the mall and the resultant negative influence represented thereby.

Mrs. Irene Griffith, 3416 West 229th Street, noted three major concerns as follows:

- (1) Notification procedure -- this should be more extensive for projects within the Del Amo Shopping Center so

that surrounding residential neighborhoods are advised of proposed projects which could impact them.

- (2) Parking -- although parking meets Code, there is concern that a problem could develop particularly during the dinner hour and in light of recent and projected growth of the Center.
- (3) Attraction for teenagers -- the number of unsupervised teenagers which might be attracted to such an establishment was an expressed concern.

Mrs. Griffith stated her opinion that, although this sounds like a good operation, she would question the location particularly in light of the absence of age barriers and parking and traffic considerations.

Mrs. Roberta Silverman, President of the South High School PTSA, noted her concurrence with concerns already voiced, particularly regarding the admission of high school age students and the easy accessibility they have to the mall area by way of the Torrance Transit System.

President of the Torrance Heights Civic Association, Mr. Lee Robinson, 3615 West 227th Place, noted that the alignment of streets within the shopping center with Madison Street could present a problem for his neighborhood with patrons of this establishment using those streets as a shortcut to other areas to the south.

On behalf of the landlord, Mr. Ken Poole pointed out the stringent requirements set forth in their lease as to maintenance of the cleanliness and safety of the area surrounding this facility. Their ability to control the ingress and egress to the leased premises was also noted by Mr. Poole.

Mr. Kay returned to respond to concerns voiced, reiterating that they would be happy to prohibit access to anyone under 21 years of age; however, problems could then develop because of the Type 47 liquor license. Mr. Kay advised that no one under the age of 21 years would be allowed into the bar area; they do not overcrowd their establishments; and control of their patrons is highly maintained.

There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak, Councilwoman Geissert moved to close the hearing. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilwoman Geissert reiterated her previously expressed concerns regarding the hours of operation coupled with the fact that hard liquor will be served with no way of restricting the clientele to those 21 years of age and older. The negative traffic impact on surrounding neighborhoods, with possible problems after the closing hour of 2:00 a.m. was further noted by Mrs. Geissert. She also pointed out negative impacts which could result from the fact that approximately 500 individuals would be brought into the heart of this City for entertainment and consumption of alcoholic beverages. It was Mrs. Geissert's opinion that this type of business would not be compatible with the viable existing uses at the shopping center.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the appeal be granted on CUP 84-66, Jack Wade's Bandstand, Inc., and the project be denied. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote, Council discussion continued.

Councilman Wirth expressed his opinion that this project is not appropriate for the location proposed -- an establishment with 357 bar stools in this area is alarming to Mr. Wirth. It was also his request, in conjunction with a concern expressed by Mrs. Griffith, that the notification boundaries be expanded in such circumstances.

The proposed use of some 20 security guards in this establishment was of concern to Councilman Applegate from the standpoint of the magnitude of the potential problems. Rather than patronizing an establishment where he felt he was being controlled, Mr. Applegate indicated his preference for an atmosphere where the clientele control themselves and security personnel are not required. It was pointed out by Mr. Applegate that perhaps crowd control in ten places with 50 patrons each would be easier than in one establishment with 500 patrons.

Mayor Armstrong voiced his strong opinion that this project is not in the proper place in terms of its relationship to the existing mall use.

Roll call vote on Councilwoman Geissert's motion for denial of the project was unanimously favorable.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR REPUBLICATION OF CODE:RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

It is the recommendation of the City Clerk that your Honorable Body authorize the payment of the overrun of \$3,451.04 on the contract with Book Publishing Company for republication of the City Code.

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

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 15 and 16.

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At 6:55 p.m., the Council recessed and reconvened as Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, convening in joint Council/Agency session at 7:02 p.m. for purposes of the executive session at the close of the regular Council agenda order.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT - To furnish annual requirements of various lubricating oils.
 Ref: Bid No. B85-5
 Anticipated Expenditure: \$54,251.57 (including sales tax).

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is recommended that Council accept the low bid submitted by the Western Petroleum Company and award them an annual contract for various lubricating oils in the total amount of \$54,251.57 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with staff's recommendation on Agenda Item 20a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Attorney Remelmeyer related the recent favorable disposition by U.S. District Judge James M. Ideman of the SOAR/Garen lawsuit. Mr. Remelmeyer expressed appreciation for the outstanding assistance rendered by attorneys who assisted in the very successful culmination of the suit, deeming this a fitting climax to his 30 years with the City of Torrance.

22b. Each Councilmember, in turn, congratulated City Attorney Remelmeyer on the SOAR/Garen matter, and extended sincere commendations for his 30 years of exemplary service to the City of Torrance.

22c. Councilman Applegate suggested that appropriate expressions of appreciation be forwarded to the various Cities and agencies involved in assisting the City of Torrance in the Garen matter.

22d. Councilman Applegate reported on a recent meeting between the Community Enrichment Committee of the Council and the Torrance Unified School District relative to the Vine Street closure and the proposed 223rd Street extension, as well as the acquisition of the Greenwood School site.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert requested that the City's opposition to AB 2198 be made known, and that input and appropriate action be forthcoming regarding SB 1039 and AB 1473. Immediate action on the legislation concerning the Naylor Bill (AB 2198) was requested by Mrs. Geissert.

22f. Councilman Mock requested, with the concurrence of his fellow Councilmembers, that appropriate recognition in the form of a resolution be prepared for Attorney Peter Lacombe in recognition of his meritorious efforts in assisting the citizens of Torrance in the Garen matter.

22g. Councilman Wirth expressed appreciation to Gail Holland and the Daily Breeze for the recent article on the Library's Automated Circulation System.

22h. Mayor Armstrong noted his meetings with members of Congress during the recent National League of Cities conference.

22i. Mayor Armstrong successfully maneuvered an April Fool's joke on his comrades pertaining to the Mayor's future plans.

22j. Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, expressed concerns regarding various oil operations in the City of Torrance and any possible danger involving methane gas leakage as was recently experienced in the Fairfax area of Los Angeles. Mr. Greene requested that the City review conditions of approval imposed on existing oil operations, as well as carefully reviewing safety considerations on proposed operations.

Mayor Armstrong assured Mr. Greene that the City will review the matter with diligence.

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The Council now returned to --

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having been convened in joint session since the hour of 7:02 p.m., Mayor Armstrong read the following statement into the record.

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 Bertha and Murray Friedman vs. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court case number SWC 67489; and
Charles B. Oates v. City of Torrance, Board of Administration Public Employees' Retirement System Case No. 353-12-3135, L-30543.
2. Pending negotiations with representatives of the Torrance Unified School District regarding the acquisition of the Greenwood School property site by the City of Torrance.

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This closed session is being held pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a) and 54956.8.

At 7:56 p.m., the Council/Agency declared a 5-minute recess followed immediately by an executive session. The City Council/Redevelopment Agency returned at 9:20 p.m., to take the following action:

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the City Council concur with the City Attorney's recommendation concerning settlement of the case of Bertha and Murray Friedman vs. City of Torrance.

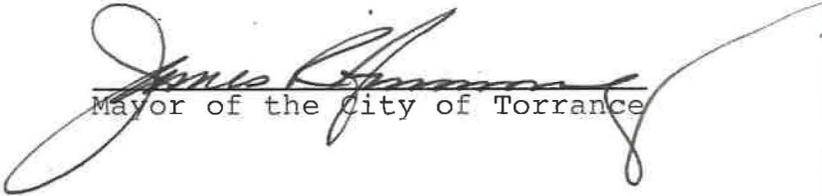
Councilman Applegate SO MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

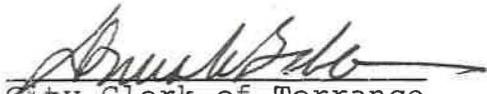
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At 9:21 p.m., the joint session of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency was adjourned to April 9, 1985, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Carl Kildoo.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of Torrance

Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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