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Adjournment at 9:11 p.m.

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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, April 30, 1985, at 5:35 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Geissert, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Applegate arrived at 5:54 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and staff representatives.

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Mayor Armstrong introduced the Youth in Government Day participants who had met in the Council Chambers immediately prior to the regular Council meeting. The Mayor praised these students for a job well done.

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3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Police Captain Lanham led in the salute to the flag.

Reverend Lloyd Newlin, First Baptist Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 1985, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate not yet arrived).

5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilwoman Geissert 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. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate not as yet arrived).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

Item 9a, Charles H. Wilson Park Phase III Completion - to be held for one week.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning and Design Committee  
May 8, 1985 - 4:30 p.m.  
Subject: Possible modification of the Hillside Ordinance.

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As a matter of personal privilege, Councilman Wirth requested that this meeting be adjourned in memory of those who served and lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. INTRODUCTION OF FIREFIGHTER ROOKIES:

Mayor Armstrong introduced, and extended a warm welcome to Firefighter rookies: Shaun Fudge, Glen Griffith, Michael Springer and Stephen Waggoner.

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- 8b. PROCLAMATION of week of May 4 - 11, 1985, "Hire a Veteran Week."
- 8c. PROCLAMATION of month of May, 1985, "Better Hearing and Speech Month."
- 8d. PROCLAMATION of month of May, 1985, "Deaf Awareness Month."
- 8e. PROCLAMATION of month of May, 1985, "National Physical Fitness and Sports Month."

SO PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR ARMSTRONG.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. CHARLES H. WILSON PARK PHASE III COMPLETION:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to hold Agenda Item 9a, for one week, per staff request. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered (Councilman Applegate not as yet arrived).

9b. LA ROMERIA PARK BUILDING BID REJECTION:

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that bids received on Bid No. B85-10 (to provide all labor and materials for construction of concrete slab foundations and connecting of four used portable steel buildings at La Romeria Park) be rejected and that a scaled down version be bid as quickly as possible.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above staff recommendation. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate not as yet arrived).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. POLICY AND FEE ON TRANSIENT BANNER TOWING:

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT COMMISSION:

It is recommended that the banner towing regulations (attached to staff material of record) be approved for each one-time banner towing operation from the Torrance Airport; and that a fee of \$100.00 per aircraft departure be approved. It

is further recommended that the RESOLUTION providing for these recommendations be adopted.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the above Commission/staff recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried without objection (Councilman Applegate had not yet arrived).

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN OPERATING AGREEMENTS AND FEES ON TRANSIENT BANNER TOWING FROM THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-98. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate not yet arrived).

10b. STREET LANDSCAPING PROJECT:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL-AID-URBAN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF CARSON STREET FROM OCEAN AVENUE TO MARJORIE AVENUE, AND TORRANCE BOULEVARD FROM OCEAN AVENUE WESTERLY, AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD FROM SOUTH OF 179TH STREET TO NORTH OF 176TH STREET

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-99. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate not as yet arrived).

RESOLUTION NO. 85-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL-AID-URBAN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF CRENSHAW BL. FROM CREST ROAD TO THE CITY BOUNDARY, AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY FROM ROLLING HILLS WAY WESTERLY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-100. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate not as yet arrived).

RESOLUTION NO. 85-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL-AID-URBAN SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF MADRONA AVE. FROM TORRANCE BOULEVARD TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-101. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate not as yet arrived).

RESOLUTION NO. 85-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL-AID-URBAN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PRAIRIE AVE. FROM DEL AMO BOULEVARD TO 190TH STREET

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-102. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate not as yet arrived).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to appropriate \$70,000, \$190,000, \$270,000, and \$370,000 in gas tax funds for Job Nos. 84131, 84132, 84133, and 84134 respectively (per staff recommendation). His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate not as yet arrived).

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The hour being 5:54 p.m., Councilman Applegate arrived.

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10c. PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF PLAZA DEL AMO SOUTH OF CARSON STREET:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the City Council approve and adopt the attached resolution for the summary vacation of this portion of Plaza Del Amo.
2. That the recordation of the Resolution be withheld until proof of the ownership of the street and the adjacent property has been provided to the City.

City Engineer Bourbonnais advised that this matter is a follow-up to the Council's action of April 2, 1985, at which time vacation of another portion of Plaza Del Amo was accomplished.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A 4 FOOT LONG BY 44 FOOT WIDE PORTION OF PLAZA DEL AMO SOUTH OF CARSON STREET

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-103. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. JTPA FY '85 TITLE II-B SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENTS:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THESE CERTAIN CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-104. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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15. HEARINGS:15a. FY 1986-1990 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of the Fiscal 86-90 Torrance Transit Short Range Transit Plan for submittal to the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Southern California Association of Governments.

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

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body approve the attached FY 86-90 Torrance Transit Short Range Transit Plan for submittal to the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Following staff presentation by Administrative Analyst Hildebrand, Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Bruce Roberts, Commuter Bus Transportation Manager for Hughes Aircraft Company, urged that the heretofore unmet needs of the South Bay be addressed, rather than the establishment of routes which would duplicate or be competitive with existing services. The assistance of his company in formulating alternative routes was offered.

The individual responsible for travel and commuter services with the Aerospace Corporation located in El Segundo, Mr. Irv Jones, applauded the proposed concept and offered assistance in the design of specific routes.

Ms. Phyllis Osman, El Segundo Employers Association, also offered the assistance of that firm in developing a feasible route into the El Segundo employment area.

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.

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.

15b. PP 85-1, ELDON GRIFFIS:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an appeal by the applicant of a Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the remodeling of an existing shopping center and the construction of an office building on the shopping center parking lot located at the northeast corner of Van Ness Avenue and 182nd Street. PP 85-1, ELDON GRIFFIS.

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

The Planning Commission recommends denial of the appeal and denial of the project. The Planning Department recommends the granting of the approval of the project.

Staff presentation was provided by Acting Planning Associate Gibson, following which Mayor Armstrong invited the appellant or his representative to address the Council.

Mr. William Beverly, Hitchcock, Bowman, Schachter and Beverly, was present to represent Mr. Eldon Griffis in this appeal, and displayed an architectural rendering of the project. History of the Center was related by Mr. Beverly, and the subject proposal was described, it being noted that the primary use of the building is for the owner's personal business as an apartment house real estate broker.

Councilwoman Geissert expressed personal concerns regarding the condition of the alleyway; location of loading zone; etc.

Clarification was provided by Mr. Steve Smith, of Jack Irvine Architects, 21438 Hawthorne Boulevard, who advised that the loading dock is proposed for the 182nd Street frontage, but will be defined in the proposed upgrading of the Center -- as to the alleyway, Mr. Smith advised that additional trash enclosures will be provided in an effort to encourage a general upgrading and cleaning up of the area. It was Mr. Beverly's expressed opinion that the presence of the property owner, Mr. Griffis, on site, will result in a more vigorous enforcement of lease requirements, etc.

In response to concerns expressed by Councilman Applegate as to the continuing deplorable state of the subject property, Mr. Beverly suggested that appropriate conditions be imposed on the new construction to assure to desired upgrading and improvement of the Center.

A resident of 18042 Van Ness, Mr. Robert Shitobata, spoke in opposition to the proposed office structure, it being his opinion that the area has developed more toward residential than commercial. Specific concerns voiced by this speaker included additional traffic; trash containers in the north alley; sufficient alley access for emergency vehicles; existing drainage problems; etc. Mr. Shitobata also noted that the construction plans depict an extension of the existing wall from Van Ness Avenue easterly two additional feet in height -- this wall belongs to the residential subdivision, not to the commercial property, according to this speaker, and he requested that it be left at its present height. Removal of the trash containers from the alley was the major concern expressed by this resident.

Mr. Beverly returned at this point to request that staff's condition requiring fulfillment of the improvement conditions prior to issuance of a Building Permit, be changed to read Certificate of Occupancy.

Discussion ensued regarding required fire clearance in the alleyway, placement of trash enclosures, and location of the loading zone, and the apparent need for further clarification of these issues.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that Agenda Item 15b be continued to the Council meeting of May 7, 1985, 5:30 p.m., in order that the matters of concern might be appropriately addressed. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now considered out of order --

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of One (1) Hersey Model MFM II-MVR Fire Line/Master Meter (10" x 6") as a reimbursable purchase.  
EXPENDITURE: \$10,811.88 including tax (reimbursable).

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

Since this expenditure is fully reimbursable and the M. W. Kellogg Company has already deposited the funds to purchase this meter 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 \$10,811.88 including tax.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of New Factory Ammunition on a Cooperative Purchase Program with the State of California.

REF: State Contract No. 1-85-13-02  
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE: \$7,895.30

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is recommended that Council authorize Torrance's continued participation with the State of California for the purchase of New Factory Ammunition and award a contract for the purchase of this new ammunition to the low bidder of the State bid, the Winchester/Olin Corp. of East Alton, Illinois, for the anticipated "use" amount, including tax, of \$7,895.30.

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.

21. ADDENDUM MATTER:

- 21a. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS/LA ROMERIA PARK:

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett requested that the subject resolution be amended, as follows:

- ° Delete from the title the last two lines which read:  
"MAKING CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$55,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS"
- ° Delete Paragraph #2, which reads: "Appropriates . . . for the City's matching share of the costs of improvements."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE FOR ROBERTI-Z'BERG URBAN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR LA ROMERIA PARK

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-105, as amended. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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The Council now returned to --

16. APPEALS:

16a. HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD/PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of a citizen's appeal of the Traffic Commission's recommendation for parking prohibitions on Pacific Coast Highway between Neece and Ocean Avenues, as well as Council consideration of the appropriation of Gas Tax Funds for the Hawthorne Boulevard/Pacific Coast Highway Intersection Improvement Project.

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

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Traffic Commission and the Torrance Police Department recommend posting "No Stopping Any Time" and striping a third traffic lane on both sides of Pacific Coast Highway between Madison Street and Ocean Avenue.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation concurs in the recommendation of the Traffic Commission and the Police Department and further recommends that an appropriation of \$190,000 in Gas Tax Funds be made to cover the City's share of costs associated with the improvement project.

Staff presentation was provided by City Traffic Engineer Collins, following which Mayor Armstrong invited the appellant to address the Council.

Dr. Paul Krynen, 3810 Pacific Coast Highway, Office #104, reviewed his concerns of record (as expressed at the Traffic Commission hearing on this matter and in his appeal) and noted that he is in favor of the improvements proposed, but not the removal of on-street parking from Neece to Ocean.

Owner of the building at 3810 Pacific Coast, Mr. Ed Bisson, stated that his building is approximately 65% occupied at the present time and he is being selective in his choice of tenants because of the parking situation (17 on-site parking spaces). This speaker affirmed that most of the doctor's patients use the on-street parking presently available.

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Others who spoke in opposition to the proposed parking restrictions from Neece to Ocean were:

Ms. Lucy Retordo, 3920 Pacific Coast Highway -- the parking restrictions would hurt businesses -- pedestrian crossing at Pacific Coast Highway and Ocean should be facilitated.

Mr. Sam Weeks, owner of Pacific Builders, 3845 Pacific Coast Highway (also representing their tenant, Checkerboard Rentals, at 3825 Pacific Coast Highway -- on-street parking is needed and the proposed restriping will cause access problems onto Pacific Coast Highway from Neece.

Mr. Lewis Coolin, patient of one of the doctors at 3810 Pacific Coast Highway -- uses the on-street parking.

Mr. Paul Cassone, owner of Paul's Barber Shop, 3805 Pacific Coast Highway -- on-site parking is not adequate.

Ms. Linda Klevin, employed in a weight control office at 3810 Pacific Coast Highway -- sees from 70-80 patients daily, many of whom use on-street parking for their short visits to the office.

Ms. Linda Chou whose family owns Peking 46 -- on-street parking is vital for all businesses in the area.

Mr. George Bedrosian, broker and owner of Walteria Realty, 24051 Neece -- a definite parking problem exists in the community, and he would recommend a study in this regard; the proposed parking restrictions would harm many businesses on both sides of Pacific Coast Highway.

Mr. Greg Floyd, Doctors' Corner Personnel, 3855 Pacific Coast Highway -- McDonalds and Taco Bell attract young people who run across Pacific Coast Highway at Ocean, and steps should be taken to improve that intersection. The recent addition of a traffic school at his Center causes grave parking problems which would be compounded by the loss of the existing on-street spaces.

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Speaking in favor of staff's proposal for parking restrictions from Neece to Ocean were:

Mr. Tom Gamble, 24237 Madison, representing Madison Street residents from Pacific Coast Highway to 244th Street -- shortcutting traffic is a problem and the third traffic lane on Pacific Coast Highway would serve as an added safety feature; a large number of traffic accidents could contribute toward the deterioration of the neighborhood.

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Ms. Marlene Allen, 4086 Newton Street, President of the Newton Street Association -- inquired regarding the circumstances of the staff study during the imposition of **temporary NO PARKING ANY TIME** along Pacific Coast Highway, and was informed by City Traffic Engineer Collins that this was during a two-day commercial filming project by McDonalds. Ms. Allen indicated her preference for using the off-street parking available because of the traffic congestion on the street; noted the excessive short-cutting traffic on Newton Street; and requested that the proposed improvements be expedited as a means of mitigating problems faced by the area residents.

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Mr. Carl F. Burger, Transportation Engineer for the California Department of Transportation, reviewed details of the proposed project and responded to specific questions posed by Councilman Applegate. Mr. Burger advised that the position of CalTrans, should the City disallow the red-curb between Neece and Ocean, would be to request peak period parking restrictions as an alternative in order to meet the goal of the project.

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

It was the expressed opinion of Councilwoman Geissert that the Council has a real responsibility to deal with a critical situation -- perhaps one of the worst intersections in the City -- and she would deem the proposed parking restrictions as necessary for the overall public good.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to deny the appeal and concur with the staff recommendation on Agenda Item 16a. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, Council discussion ensued.

Councilman Walker stated his preference, rather than removing 37 on-street parking spaces at this time, for the alternative suggestion of the CalTrans representative in restricting parking for peak hours only.

Councilman Applegate agreed, noting that the improved traffic situation must be balanced against any harm that might be experienced by the businesses. The significant impact represented by a traffic school in the Center was acknowledged by Mr. Applegate, who noted his reluctance to remove 37 available spaces at this time.

Consideration by area businesses of staff-recommended mitigation measures was suggested by Mayor Armstrong --

- ° Closure of the pedestrian access to the tennis courts;
- ° Signing the professional building parking lot for "Patron Parking Only"; and,
- ° Cooperative use of the available parking lots southeast of Neece/PCH.

Notification concerns which were voiced by various speakers during the course of this hearing were addressed by the Mayor, who noted his opinion that every attempt was made to notify those involved in this consideration and, in his personal opinion, to put off the red curbing would be torturing the businesses.

Councilwoman Geissert's motion for DENIAL of the appeal and concurrence with staff's recommendation, CARRIED by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Walker.

Mayor Armstrong encouraged concerned citizens to discuss mitigation measures with staff. Councilman Walker suggested that staff review possible means of regulating traffic intensive uses, such as traffic schools.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 16 and 17.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

See Pages 9 and 10.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate reminded everyone of the Armed Forces Day activities May 18.

22b. Councilman Nakano announced the recent successful Bunka-Sai Festival, an annual event which has grown more popular each year.

22c. Appreciation for the Youth in Government Day was expressed by Councilman Wirth, who would encourage its establishment as an annual event.

22d. Councilman Wirth responded to an anonymous letter from a City Park employee wherein this employee expressed concern regarding insufficient recognition of his job efforts. Mr. Wirth lauded these employees for their efforts throughout the City.

22e. Mrs. Marlene Allen expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Newton Street Association, for the Council's action on Agenda Item 16a (Pages 11-14).

22f. Ms. Lucy Retordo expressed disappointment that the Torrance Police Officers Memorial Services heretofore held on Armed Forces Day has been cancelled.

It was further requested by this speaker that blind patrons be able to utilize the services of the Torrance Transit lines free of charge. Staff will follow up.

22g. Mr. Mark Howell introduced himself as Assemblyman Felando's Chief of Staff and offered his assistance in any appropriate manner to members of the Council.

22h. Mr. Rod Brierly, 23025 Madison Street, Secretary/Treasurer of AFSCME, voiced strong objection to the recent removal of Civil Service Commissioner Dick Cahill as Chairman of the Employee Relations Committee during the hearing of an unfair labor practices matter. City Attorney Remelmeyer will take the matter under advisement.

22i. Mayor Armstrong requested that the May 14 Council Agenda be kept as light as possible as he has a professional commitment on that evening.

22j. Mr. Dick Cahill, 1004 Sierra Place, voiced his appreciation for the concerns of AFSCME as above expressed by one of its officers.

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At 8:17 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, remaining in Joint Session at the conclusion of Agency business for the following Joint Executive Session.

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Armstrong read the following 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:

1. Possible acquisition of the El Roi Tan Hotel;
2. Possible acquisition of the Stone & Meyers Mortuary; and
3. 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.

This closed session is being held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

Mr. Applegate announced, for the record, that he would abstain in consideration of the Stone & Meyers matter and will absent himself from the meeting room during discussion of that item.

Mayor Armstrong further announced that the City Council acting as the City Council will also consider advice from the City Manager regarding wages, hours and working conditions.

This closed session is being held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

At 8:20 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency recessed to executive session, returning at 9:10 p.m., to take the following action.

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

RESOLUTION NO. RA 85-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECEIVING AND APPROVING CERTAIN REVISED APPRAISALS OF LAND AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE 25-ACRE AREA OF THE TORRANCE INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MAKE NEW OFFERS TO PURCHASE BASED UPON THE REVISED APPRAISALS

MOTION: Mrs. Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. RA 85-17. Her motion, seconded by Mr. Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

At 9:11 p.m., the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency/City Council was adjourned to May 7, 1985, 5:30 p.m.

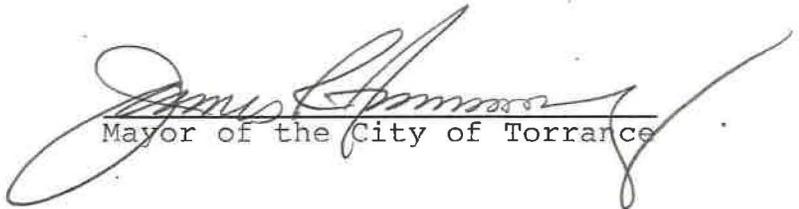
Adjournment was dedicated to the memories of those who served and lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

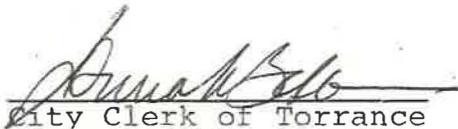
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