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Adjournment at 12:25 a.m. (May 29, 1985).

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Peggy Laverty
Minute SecretaryCity Council
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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, May 28, 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, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and department representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Girl Scout Troop #428, Patty Cramer, Leader, led in the salute to the flag.

Father Jose Martinez, Nativity Catholic Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for approval of the City Council minutes of April 30, 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

15a. PD 85-1, TT 44066, Torrance Investment Company: Item postponed by request of the applicant.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION declaring June 2 through 9, 1985, as "Management Week."

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. ALLOCATION TO SOUTH BAY SENIOR SERVICES:

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body approve the expenditure of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Senior Citizens Council budget to be funded to South Bay Senior Services.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

The Parks and Recreation Director concurs with the recommendation of the Senior Citizen Council provided the contribution, if approved, is made on a one-time-only basis. South Bay Senior Services may wish to apply for one of the City's Human Resources grants during the next budget year.

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

9b. COMMUNITY RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS CENTER:

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director and the City Manager that your Honorable Body:

- Approve the proposed updated and modified master plan for the Community Recreation and Cultural Arts Center;
- Approve the new schematic drawings;
- Authorize the development of the final construction drawings;
- Concur in the two-phase approach;
- Concur in the proposed setting aside of funds for a partial pay-as-you-go element of the financial plan (\$2.5 million); and
- Authorize the Finance Director to proceed to develop the bond issue element of the financing plan (\$9.4 million).

Staff presentation was provided by Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett, following which Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Speakers who indicated support of the proposal as presented were:

- Mr. Cris Eliopulos, Chairman of the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Mr. George Twidwell, 22283 Arlington, President of Torrance/Lomita/Carson Board of Realtors.
- Mr. Michael Bedinger, 4011 West 232rd Street, representing Council of Homeowner Associations of Torrance (CHAT) - correspondence of record.

- ° Ms. Celia "Clown", 4809 Turrel Street, accompanied by costumed members of Lynn School.
- ° Ms. Linda "Clown", presented proclamation from directors and cast of the Summer Musical production of Barnum.
- ° Mr. Donneley Fenn, Director of the City of Torrance Music Chorale. An inspiring musical offering was presented by the Chorale.
- ° Mr. Dale Gasteiger, 3810 Paseo de las Tortugas, representing the South Bay Area Arts Alliance.
- ° Mr. Roger Clark, consultant for the South Bay Area Arts Alliance.
- ° Mrs. Rosemary DeCamp Shidler, 317 Camino de las Colinas.
- ° Mrs. Dee Hardison, 2024 West 236th Street, representing SETHA.
- ° Mrs. Lynne Bramhall, 5010 Vista del Vegas.
- ° Mrs. Peggy Dowell, 23321 Falena, representing the Torrance Council PTA Board of Directors.
- ° Mr. David Forester, Director of the New Torrance Symphony.
- ° Mr. Bill Brugger, 2348 West 230th Street.
- ° Mrs. Georgia Perkins, 20814 Christine Avenue, founding member of the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild.
- ° Mr. Chuck Slater, teacher at Torrance High School.

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Individuals who expressed reservations regarding financial considerations and other needed improvements in the City were:

- ° Mrs. Barbara Honeycutt, representing the Southwood Homeowners Association - official position reflected in December 4, 1984, correspondence of record included in agenda packets.

Speaking for herself, Mrs. Honeycutt, 4213 Scott Street, concurred with Councilman Applegate's earlier comments of record with regard to priority projects such as finishing Columbia and Wilson Parks. The total overall cost of the project was questioned.

- ° Mr. George Florman, 4106 Carmen Street, questioned the proposed theater when sidewalks are unrepaired and an additional paramedic unit has been requested.
- ° Mrs. Diane Hathaway, 21226 Kent Avenue, questioned construction of the theater -- suggested street crews be expanded and paramedic unit be provided.
- ° Mr. Jim Bell, 21905 Linda Drive, favored the entire concept so long as sidewalk repair can still be accomplished.

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- ° Ms. Ethel Harris, President of a local square dance club, advised that they need space to accommodate 500 square dancers on a regular basis.

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There being no one else in the audience who wished to speak on this item, Council discussion then ensued.

Comments encompassed the timeliness of the proposal; the cultural needs and desires of the City; overall funding considerations; etc. Clarification was provided regarding the City's ongoing street/sidewalk repair program and the current budgetary considerations surrounding maintenance and public safety services.

The following motion was ultimately offered.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of staff for approval. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilman Applegate reiterated his concerns, of record, regarding the financial commitment involved in the subject proposal and the annual debt service represented thereby vs other capital needs of the City.

Mr. Applegate stated that the subject commitment would take away the financial flexibility that he feels the City should have, and suggested that other needs such as acquisition of the Greenwood School site, modernization of existing parks, etc. be considered first.

Mr. Applegate then offered the following --

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SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to request that this measure be placed on the ballot to be decided by the people in March of 1986. This motion DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Roll call vote on Councilman Walker's main motion for approval of the project was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

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At 8:50 p.m., a brief recess was called. The Council reconvened at 9:02 p.m., to continue the regular agenda order.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. MEDIAN FENCE CONSTRUCTION/PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY:

SUBJECT: SIX-FOOT GREEN VINYL COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE
CONSTRUCTION ON SOUTH MEDIAN ALONG PACIFIC COAST
HIGHWAY E/O CALLE MAYOR (B85-30) -- AWARD OF
CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Golden West Fence Co., Inc. and all other bids be rejected; and
2. That \$1,000 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Engineer, with appropriation. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. HILLSIDE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE/STAFF:

The Council Community Design Committee and Planning Commission Ad Hoc Committee recommend that a portion of Map Area 1A be added to the Hillside Overlay District. The Planning Department recommends that Map Areas 1A and 2A be added to the Hillside Overlay District. Both the Committee and the Planning Department recommend that certain amendments to the Hillside Ordinance be adopted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (specifics):

Addition of Map Area 1A

Motion to include a reduced portion of Map Area 1A in the Hillside Overlay District:

Vote in favor: Councilman Walker
Councilman Mock
Commissioner Uerkwitz
Commissioner Messerlian

Vote opposed (entire 1A area should be included):

Commissioner Brewster
Chairwoman Geissert

Addition of Map Area 2A

Motion to include Map Area 2A:

Vote in favor of inclusion:

Commissioner Brewster
Chairwoman Geissert

Vote opposed: Councilman Walker
Councilman Mock
Commissioner Uerkwitz
Commissioner Messerlian

Hillside Ordinance Incorporating Proposed Amendments

The ordinance, as presented, incorporates a proposed re-ordering of sections as recommended by the Riviera Homeowners Association and the Planning Department and recommended by the Committee if other amendments to the ordinance are adopted. Committee recommended changes are indicated by dash lines (deletions) and underlining.

(SEE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN MATERIAL OF RECORD)

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An overview of the written material, of record, was provided by Mrs. Geissert, Chairwoman of the Ad Hoc Committee. A slide presentation was then narrated by Planning Associate Woodward detailing the specific areas under consideration.

Considered first:

MAP 1A (UPPER RIVIERA):

Audience input was invited by Mayor Armstrong.

Mr. G. M. Stone, 248 Calle de Madrid -- requested that the area shown on Map 1A be included in its entirety in the Hillside Overlay District. The protection afforded by the Ordinance was desired by this speaker.

Mr. Harrison Burruss, 620 Via Monte de Oro (outside the area of the map depicted in red and recommended for inclusion by the Ad Hoc Committee) opposed inclusion in the Overlay District.

Mr. Charles Smith, 513 Calle de Arboles (outside the red area) opposed inclusion.

Mrs. Sharon Smith, owner of property at 204 Calle de Madrid, (correspondence of official record), recommended that the entire area be included.

Ms. Cathy Villanueva, 206 Via Alameda, (outside red area), opposed Hillside Ordinance deeming it discriminatory.

Mr. Paul Cardenas, 740 Calle de Arboles (outside red area), requested that he not be included in the Overlay District because of the burden in time and cost represented thereby.

Mr. Ed Posinofski, 112 Via Alameda (outside red area), opposed the overlay because of the added expense involved in home improvements and expansions.

Mr. Leland Osborn, 712 Calle de Arboles, opposed the Ordinance because of the hardship imposed on those wishing to improve their properties.

A brief Council discussion ensued including the rationale behind the Majority and Minority Committee recommendations, and the following action resulted.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to include the **REDUCED** (red area) on Map 1A in the Hillside Ordinance zone. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Mock, Walker, and Wirth.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Nakano and Mayor Armstrong* (NOTE: Mayor Armstrong later changed his vote to YES).

Councilman Wirth commented that, should there be a strong indication from the neighborhood (outside the red area on the map) to be included, he would consider favoring such inclusion in the future.

*At this time Mayor Armstrong requested that his vote be changed to YES, stating that although he had had some reservations about including the red area only, he would now concur with taking that much and then see if there is a need to go further.

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Considered at this time --
MAP 2A (WEST SIDE):

Audience comments were invited by the Mayor.

ALL of the following speakers **opposed** being included in the Hillside Ordinance:

Mr. Ted Muelhaupt, 20818 Christine Avenue, has no view.

Mr. Arthur Conley, 5430 Edgemere Drive, cost of property improvements under Hillside Ordinance is prohibitive, and would benefit his neighbors who are at a higher elevation while prohibiting him from adding upward.

Mr. James S. Phillips, 2430 West Torrance Boulevard (business address), submitted an updated petition in opposition to inclusion in the overlay zone, containing signatures representing 51 of the 81 homes in the subject area. There are only a "handful" of residents in the area who would benefit from inclusion in the Ordinance.

Mrs. Georgia Perkins, 20814 Christine Avenue, noted opposition.

Mr. Hubert Susatio, 5436 Edgemere Drive, noted problems with a neighbor concerning the neighbor's view vs. the right to his own privacy as afforded by trees in his rear yard.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee majority **opposing** the inclusion of Map 2A in the Hillside Overlay District. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

At this time Councilwoman Geissert announced that she would change the position she held on this item as a member of the Committee, and would now favor the majority recommendation as reflected in the above motion. Mrs. Geissert noted her conclusion that perhaps not enough time was given to a street-by-street survey by the Committee and, while there might be portions of the west side area that would want to be included, community opposition would indicate that the area should not be included at this time.

Roll call vote on the above motion regarding Map 2A was unanimously favorable.

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved, regarding proposed amendments to the Hillside Ordinance, to concur with the Committee's recommendation which includes the sheet to be handed out in the Planning Department by way of an explanation of the Hillside Ordinance. Further, Section 91.41.7(d) should be changed to read: ". . . proposed development will not have an adverse effect"

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote, Mayor Armstrong invited audience comments.

Ms. Kay White, 645 Via los Miradores, speaking for the Riviera Homeowners Association, noted concurrence with the Committee recommended changes with further refinements. The recommended refinements **not** included in the Riviera Homeowners' written statement of record were noted by Ms. White as follows:

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- ° Concurrence with Councilman Mock's minority statement (of record) defining Hillside properties and establishing criteria for inclusion in the zone.
- ° Request for method of notifying realtors, builders, purchasers of property, etc. of the provisions of the Hillside Ordinance beyond that indicated in staff material concerning permit applications.
- ° Inclusion of a provision to require installation of low-growing vegetation and trees when property is newly built or rebuilt.

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Roll call vote on Councilwoman Geissert's motion regarding the proposed amendments to the Hillside Ordinance was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 10:10 p.m., a brief recess was called. Upon reconvening at 10:22 p.m., the Council considered the following --

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13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEARS 1985-1987:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR POUND SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (SPCA) DOING BUSINESS AS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HUMANE SOCIETY

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-135. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Wirth reiterated his previously stated concerns (of record) regarding SPCA activities and advised of his intent to monitor the City's contract with that facility.

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13b. AIRPORT TOUCH AND GO MORATORIUM:RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

The Airport Commission found that the Wyle Laboratories Research Report met the contract responsibilities and recommend that Council accept the Report.

Based on findings of the Report, the Commission recommends that training operations be prohibited on Sundays and legal holidays.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

It is staff's recommendation that since Saturdays appear to have been to the greatest benefit for airport users and fixed base operators, and since Saturdays are usually less prone to be used for quiet household activities, all touch and go, stop and go, and low approaches be prohibited on Sundays and legal holidays only and that Saturdays be allowed for training activities between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The substantial supplementary material on this item, copies of which were in the hands of Councilmembers and staff, was noted by Mayor Armstrong.

Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy introduced Mr. John Stearns of Wyle Laboratories, who provided a brief overview of his firm's report and indicated support of the above stated staff recommendation.

The following motion was offered:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of staff and the Airport Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to a vote on the motion, Mayor Armstrong invited interested and concerned parties in the audience to speak.

Mr. Eli Alexander, 2914 Briarwood Drive, President of Peninsula Aviation, referenced his earlier statements on this subject, of official record, and strongly objected to prohibition of touch and go operations on Sundays and holidays as recommended. A pledge to "fly neighborly" was expressed by Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Bernie Hollander, 22959B Nadine Circle, expressed his opinion that inaccurate data was presented in the Wyle Report; reviewed his long-standing opposition to touch and go activity because of its impact on the quality of residential living; and indicated his support of the continued ban on touch and goes on Saturdays, as well as Sundays and holidays, on a permanent basis.

Speaking as a member of the Airport Commission, Mr. Michael Bedinger, 4011 West 232nd Street, maintained, contrary to the Wyle Report findings, that the touch and go moratorium **did** result in a significant reduction in the SENEL in the City of Torrance, and he would recommend that the moratorium stand permanently.

Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, stated his reluctance to give credence to the conclusions offered as a result of the Wyle study, maintaining that the study was "weighted or forged or counterfeited" by a significant number of pilots who flew outside the pattern during the study, thus avoiding the noise monitors. Those users of the Airport who are willfully causing problems should be ejected from use of the Airport, per Mr. Greene. Opposition to lifting the moratorium on Saturdays was voiced by this speaker.

Next to speak was Mr. C. Workman, 1858 263rd Street, Lomita, who deemed the Report a "falacy" because the impact on his area was not considered -- the actual extended flight pattern was not studied and the merging of incoming traffic was not addressed.

A student pilot at the Torrance Airport, Mr. David Kaufman, residence on 264th Street in Lomita, offered his opinion that to ban touch and goes on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays would be completely "unfair"; however, he could accept the Sunday and holiday ban.

Mr. Chauncy Tillman, 26015 Montavista Avenue, Lomita, speaking for the Lomita Homeowners, read aloud a statement which he submitted as part of the official record, said statement urging the continued Saturday ban on touch and goes. Petitions and letters supporting this stand were also submitted by this speaker, including correspondence dated May 6, 1985, from Mr. Donald J. Caughlin, President, Lomita Mobilehome Tenant Association, 24725 Pennsylvania Avenue, Space A-20, Lomita, with attached petition.

Ms. Dale Saffle, 2334 West 241st Street, Space 31, Lomita, a member of the Advisory Committee of the City of Lomita and Vice-President of the Mobile Tenants' Association, spoke in opposition to training flights out of the Torrance Airport explaining the detrimental effect the noise from such flights represents to senior citizens in her area. Continuation of the moratorium was requested.

Mr. Joe Arciuch, 23521 Kathryn Avenue, referenced his statement, dated May 20, 1985, of record and submitted a graph depicting weekday and weekend SENEL levels 1977-83, which was then explained by Mr. Arciuch -- banning of the touch and go activities on weekends and holidays on a permanent basis was urged by this speaker.

Mr. Barry Jay, 2514 Brian Avenue, a licensed pilot, stated that the objective data from the Report indicates that the moratorium resulted in no significant change in noise, thus, in Mr. Jay's opinion, a moratorium on touch and goes is not an effective means to deal with the purported noise nuisance.

Mr. Lou Vandenberg, East Silverspring Drive, Rolling Hills, endorsed the Wyle Report which indicates to him that the same noise will be in evidence whether or not there are touch and go operations from this airfield -- if the moratorium is extended the operators will suffer for nothing, per Mr. Vandenberg.

Mr. Robert Bruce Laggatry, 23305 Carlow Road, having recently lived for one year on Newton Street, stated that he found no problem with living under the south pattern, nor does he find a problem living under the departure end of the Airport and working under the north pattern. Identifying himself as a licensed pilot, this speaker advised that the moratorium has curtailed his ability to enjoy flying.

Mr. Bob Norton, 2435 West 254th Street, Lomita, stated that his residence is under the flight pattern and expressed appreciation for the change in the helicopter training pattern from the south to the north, and advised that the absence of touch and go activity during the moratorium has also improved the situation.

The last speaker was Mrs. Shirley Johnson, 22422 Anza Avenue, who stated that approximately one year ago the noise was "outrageously unbearable" -- now the noise is minimal in contrast, and she requested that the moratorium remain in effect on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

There being no further audience comments, Council discussion then ensued.

Councilman Nakano recalled Mr. Stearns' statement that a possible explanation for no significant change in noise levels during the moratorium was fewer, but noisier, planes. He further pointed out that there was a lawsuit pending while the survey was being conducted which, in his opinion, taints the entire result of the survey. Mr. Nakano then offered the following --

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to continue the moratorium on weekends and holidays. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, but FAILED TO CARRY as shown by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Mock and Nakano.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Voicing his support of the main motion (lifting the moratorium on Saturdays), Councilman Wirth pointed out that Airport conditions change and the situation must continue to be monitored. Mr. Wirth stated that, although he lives only approximately one block from the last audience speaker (Mrs. Johnson), he is not personally bothered by the touch and goes.

Councilman Walker recalled that the Council set the boundaries for the Wyle report and basically established the questions to be asked in the survey, and he supported the data presented. Noting the need to maintain an attitude of fairness to homeowners, to pilots, and to businesses on the Airport, Councilman Walker expressed his opinion that the compromise reached by the Airport Commission (allowing touch and goes on Saturdays) was a prudent one.

Speaking to her support of the Substitute Motion above which would have continued the moratorium on Saturdays, as well as Sundays and holidays, Councilwoman Geissert judged the Wyle Report to be inconclusive in that the data can be read in different ways. Mrs. Geissert acknowledged that the moratorium has had a drastic impact on fbo's who are engaged heavily in training flights; however, she stressed the need to provide some relief for the heavily impacted residential areas and quoted the following statement from the staff material as being the most influential in her decision: "The area to the west and east, the take off and landings areas, are impacted by all types of operations and therefore was not used as extensively as the sideline area because it would be difficult for the resident to differentiate between a straight out departure, turns to the north for departure, and landing operations."

The substantial history of the homeowner/airport oriented controversy was recalled by Mayor Armstrong, who stated: We are still looking for that common kind of middle ground and still hoping for some sense of compromise between airport and homeowner communities. His favor of the Main Motion which, in his opinion, offers a compromise, was indicated.

Roll call vote on the MAIN MOTION was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert and Nakano.

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

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO 3140

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 51.5.5 AND 51.5.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT TOUCH AND GO, STOP AND GO, AND LOW APPROACH AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ON SATURDAYS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M. AND PROHIBITING SUCH OPERATIONS ON SUNDAYS AND SPECIFIED HOLIDAYS; AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3140 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert and Nakano.

Councilman Applegate expressed appreciation to Mr. Stearns for the professionalism exhibited by him and the Wyle Laboratories. The Mayor and Council concurred in this commendation.

At the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer, the Council now considered the following Ordinance regarding transient aircraft touch and go operations at the Torrance Airport.

Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to --

ORDINANCE NO. 3141

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 51.5.7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TOUCH-AND-GO OPERATIONS BY TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3141 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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15. HEARINGS:15a. PD 85-1, TT 44066, TORRANCE INVESTMENT COMPANY:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing regarding City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Plan of Development and a Tentative Tract Map to allow the construction of 110 residential condominium townhouses at the southwest corner of Maple Avenue and Monterey Street. PD 85-1, TT 44066, TORRANCE INVESTMENT COMPANY.

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

In line with the applicant's request that this item be postponed until such time as the transfer of the dedicated open space parcels has been fully resolved, the following motion was offered.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to continue the subject public hearing. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mrs. Mary Deane, 3210 Merrill Drive, noted an apparent notification problem involving recent considerations of the Park Del Amo development, and was assured by the Mayor that every effort will be extended to correct any notification deficiency. Mrs. Deane then voiced her concerns regarding the City's receipt of the deed to the Madrona Marsh "free and clear and with no strings."

Roll call vote on the motion to continue the hearing was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate ABSTAINED).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. EXTENSION OF AUDIT CONTRACT FOR 1984-85:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the Finance Director be authorized to request Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the 1984-85 annual general City audit at the previously agreed not-to-exceed fee of \$38,000.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance Director. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT: For Annual Requirements of Red Highway
Safety Flares
REF. Bid No. B85-32
EXPENDITURE: \$16,534.13

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

It is staff's recommendation that Council award a contract for the required annual supply of twenty minute red highway safety flares to the low bidder, the Olin Signal Products Company of East Alton, Illinois, in the total amount of \$16,534.13.

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

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At 11:59 p.m., the City Council convened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 12:00 Midnight, at which time the Council returned to its regular agenda order.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson praised the staffs of the City Clerk's, Central Services, and City Manager's offices for their efforts in preparing the agenda for this meeting in light of a major breakdown of Xeroxing equipment.

22b. Councilman Nakano requested that staff prepare an Action Plan to address the problems of sidewalks, gutters and street trees in the City of Torrance.

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22c. It was the request of Councilman Nakano that staff prepare, on a regular basis, a tentative schedule of upcoming City Council agenda items.

22d. Councilman Wirth requested feedback from staff as to how the touch and go activities and flight pattern are monitored.

22e. Mayor Armstrong commended the Parks and Recreation and Finance Departments for their efforts regarding the Joslyn Center agenda item (9b).

22f. Mayor Armstrong appointed Councilman Nakano as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Armed Forces Day Parade.

The Council now returned to --

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Armstrong read the following statement into the record:

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

1. Possible litigation concerning the Park Del Amo project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh.
2. Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Don Ja Ran Construction Co., et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SWC 20628.

This closed session is being held pursuant to the following sections of the Government Code: 54956.8; 54956.9(a) and 54956.9(c).

At 12:05 a.m. the City Council recessed to executive session, returning at 12:25 a.m. (May 29, 1985) for formal adjournment to June 4, 1985, 5:30 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty
Minute Secretary

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