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Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty  
Minute SecretaryCity Council  
June 4, 1985

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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, June 4, 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 department representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Misses Kari Kawabata and Karry Kiyonaga led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Pastor Randy Rhoades, Faith Christian Assembly.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for approval of the minutes of May 7, 1985, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Employee Relations and Department Organization Committee  
Met this date - report will be forthcoming.

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Mayor Armstrong announced, with sadness, the passing of Battalion Chief John Agapito; and Mr. Joe Leach, City Manager of Rolling Hills. The Mayor requested that this meeting be adjourned in their memories.

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9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. DANCE-A-THON FOR ETHIOPIA:RECOMMENDATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL:

That the City Council approve their request to sponsor a Dance-A-Thon for Ethiopia.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

The estimated cost of this event is \$400 which includes staff, materials, supplies and publicity. There are sufficient funds in the Youth Council budget to cover the projected expenditures.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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9b. DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB DONATION:RECOMMENDATION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

The Parks and Recreation Department staff recommend acceptance of the \$250.00 donation and appropriation to the parks Special Events Account.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above recommendation and to accept, with gratitude, the generous donation of the Dog Obedience Club of Torrance. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried without objection.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. LEASE OF GROUNDWATER PUMPING RIGHTS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-136

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 UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR LEASING 175.0 ACRE-FEET OF WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATED TO THE UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-136. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilwoman Geissert ABSTAINED).

City Clerk Babb then read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A WATER RIGHT LICENSE AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FLETCHER OIL AND REFINING COMPANY FOR LEASING 40.0 ACRE-FEET OF WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATED TO FLETCHER OIL AND REFINING COMPANY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-137. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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10b. TRANSIENT TOUCH-AND-GO OPERATIONS:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

EMERGENCY ORDINANCEORDINANCE NO. 3142

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 51.5.7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH THE TOUCH-AND-GO OPERATIONS BY TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3142, at its first and only reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Taken out of order at this time --

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3141:

At Mayor Armstrong's request, City Clerk Babb 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 TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3141, at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to --

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:12a. HILLSIDE BUILDING MORATORIUM:

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

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EMERGENCY ORDINANCEORDINANCE NO. 3143

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION, REMODELING OR IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS OR THE GRADING OF LAND WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3143, at its first and only reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, Director of Building and Safety Grippo referenced material, of record, requesting that the proposed modification of the property at 213 Calle de Madrid be grandfathered in because of the status of those plans at this time. Mr. Grippo also requested an interpretation of Section 3 of the Ordinance which would allow minor-type permits to be issued during the moratorium -- water heater changeouts, furnace repairs, etc. -- but no permits for additions.

Mayor Armstrong noted the Council's concurrence in the interpretation and request as stated by the Director of Building and Safety. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Roll call vote on the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3143 was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:15a. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 11:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place announced by the Council at its May 14, 1985 meeting, when and where any and all persons having any protests or objections to the proposed Underground Utility District may appear before the City Council of the City of Torrance and show cause why the subject area should not be designated an underground utility district.

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

The City Clerk advised that no written protests have been filed with the City Clerk; one letter in support has been received.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file the City Engineer's report. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Armstrong inquired if any person in the audience wished to speak for or against the designation of this area as an underground utility district. There was no response.

There being no one in the audience who wished to be heard, Councilman Applegate moved to close the public hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD BETWEEN MADRONA AVENUE AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND THE EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD NORTH OF SEPULVEDA TO 485 FEET SOUTH OF TOLEDO STREET AS AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF POLES, OVERHEAD WIRES AND ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AREA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 77.1.21 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-138. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer that \$50,000 for the City's share to relocate the pole at Madrona Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard be allocated from the Madrona/Sepulveda intersection improvement shown on the Action Plan sheet.

Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. SERVICE CONTRACT FOR VAX 11/780 COMPUTER:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONTRACT WITH DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION FOR CONTINUED HARDWARE SERVICE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-139. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. SERVICE CONTRACT FOR VAX COMPUTER IN POLICE FACILITY:RESOLUTION NO. 85-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A CONTRACT WITH DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, FOR CONTINUED FIELD SERVICE MAINTENANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-140. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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At 5:52 p.m., a brief recess was called. The Council returned at 5:58 p.m., to continue its regular agenda order.

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17c. SCHEDULING OF BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The following dates were established by consensus of the Council:

Budget Workshops

Thursday, June 13, 1985	4:30 p.m.
Monday, June 17, 1985	4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 21, 1985 (tentative)	4:30 p.m.

Public Hearings

Tuesday (1st), June 18, 1985	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday (2nd), June 25, 1985	7:00 p.m.
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17d. CONTRACTS WITH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - ACCUPRESSURE AND MASSAGE:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING TWO CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PROVISION BY THE COUNTY OF CERTAIN HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF MASSAGE AND ACCUPRESSURE ESTABLISHMENTS, AND TESTING OF MASSAGE OR ACCUPRESSURE TECHNICIANS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENTS

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-141. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wirth.

Councilman Wirth stated that his above negative vote is because of his earlier opposition to the regulations concerning the technicians.

17e. MOBIL OIL CORPORATION FRANCHISE:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO GRANT A FRANCHISE TO MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, A NEW YORK CORPORATION, TO OPERATE, MAINTAIN, REPLACE AND REPAIR ITS EXISTING PIPELINE AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-142. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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17f. EXECUTIVE SESSION: See Pages 10 and 11.

18a. ORDINANCE 3141: See Page 4.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. INVESTMENT REPORT - MONTH OF APRIL, 1985:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TREASURER:

It is recommended that the Council receive the attached investment report for information only.

20b. RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE TWO 1985 HONDA ATC'S:

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE CHIEF:

It is recommended by the Police Department that the City Council authorize the purchase of the All Terrain Vehicles (ATC's) from Torrance Honda, 18225 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance, California, as the source vendor, in the amount not to exceed \$3565.62.

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

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At 6:02 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. At 6:41 p.m., the regular Council agenda order was resumed, the Agency/Council remaining in Joint Session for purposes of an executive session to be held at the conclusion of City Council business.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett announced the successful opening, this date, of Torrance's Certified Farmers' Market.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert complimented all connected with the success of the Farmers' Market, with special commendation to Terese Condon and Rose Munoz.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert noted that certain handicapped members of the community have indicated a desire to appear at the June 17 Budget Workshop Session, and inquired as to the possibility of extending the Dial-A-Ride hours for that date so that transportation would be available for these individuals following the meeting. Department of Transportation to follow through.

22d. Councilman Walker indicated his desire to see the City of Torrance handle its own Rose Parade float without co-sponsorship, beginning with the float for the 1987 Parade.

22e. Mayor Armstrong noted that the Valedictorians from the City's five high schools will be present at the City Council meeting of June 18.

The Council now returned to --

17f. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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:

1. Acquisition of the Armco parking lot property at the southeast corner of Carson Street and Border Avenue.
2. Acquisition by eminent domain proceedings of 26 acres of land situated north of Torrance Boulevard and east of Van Ness Avenue; Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance vs. J. S. Enterprises, et al No. C544996, Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

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

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

- 3. Possible acquisition of the Greenwood School property site;
- 4. Possible litigation against Group W Cable Television concerning their proposal to increase rates and cut services to Torrance subscribers.

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

At 6:50 p.m. Mayor/Chairman Armstrong called a 5-minute recess, followed immediately by the Joint Executive Session of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency. The Council/Agency returned at 7:52 p.m., to take the following action as the City Council.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved, in the matter of the Preliminary Title Reports on some of the beach properties, that the Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$7,000.00 for the attainment of title information. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At 7:55 p.m., the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency/City Council was formally adjourned to June 11, 1985, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memories of Battalion Chief John Agapito and Mr. Joe Leach.

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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
 Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
 Minute Secretary

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