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Adjournment was at 8:45 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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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, August 13, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Geissert, Mock, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: Councilman Applegate.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Boy Scout Troop #310, James Gordon, Scoutmaster, led in the salute to the flag.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Jim Caso, South Bay Grace Community Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for approval of the City Council minutes of July 16, 1985, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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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 absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED AGENDA ITEMS:

15a. CUP 85-23, PP 85-15, Clark M. Leonard -- continued to September 17, 1985.

17b. Madrona Marsh Dedication -- continued to August 20, 1985.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. BUST OF JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE:RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

The Parks and Recreation Director concurs with the request of the Torrance Historical Society and recommends that your Honorable Body authorize the construction of the pedestal by City forces and appropriate \$500 from the City's Community Promotion Budget to cover the cost of the bronze plaque.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director, with the specified appropriation. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

9b. NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES GRANT PROGRAM:RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Resources Commission recommends City Council adopt the grant categories, the eligibility qualifications,

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and the evaluation criteria and authorize the Human Resources Commission to proceed with the announcements of the grants.

Councilman Nakano suggested that if the number of criteria were to increase in the future, consideration be given to using the point system with the applicants advised accordingly.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Wirth that appropriate announcements concerning the grants be made by way of correspondence, as well as via press release.

Councilwoman Geissert referenced Evaluation Criteria #3: "Estimated number of Torrance residents to be benefited by the project or program versus the project cost;" and suggested that this particular item not be interpreted too stringently, inasmuch as there are certain programs that are low cost per person served (i.e. day camp program).

The action taken is reflected below.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the Human Resources Commission, incorporating the above comments of the Council. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

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. 85-231

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 WATSON LAND COMPANY FOR LEASING 80.2 ACRE FEET OF WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATED TO THE WATSON LAND COMPANY

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-231. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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10b. DISSOLUTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT 13:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE DISSOLUTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 13, ITS TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF LOMITA, AND THE CONVEYANCE OF ALL WATER LINES, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE EVENT THE SAID WATERWORKS DISTRICT IS DISSOLVED

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 232. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 85-233

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE DISSOLUTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 13

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-233. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

10c. PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES UNDER SCAG OVERALL WORK PROGRAM:

City Clerk Babb read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RESOLUTION FOR PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES FOR FY 1985-86 WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-234. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

10d. DIAL-A-LIFT CONTRACT EXTENSION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT EXTENDING THE DIAL-A-LIFT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY TRANSIT SERVICES, INC., FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-235. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

10e. AWARD OF CONTRACT - CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTHWEST PORTION OF COLUMBIA PARK (B85-45):

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Terra-Cal Construction, Inc., and all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:

11a. RENEWAL OF AUTOMATED WANT/WARRANT SYSTEM CONTRACT:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY

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OF LOS ANGELES TO PROVIDE COMPUTER SERVICES OF  
THE AUTOMATED WANT WARRANT SYSTEM, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE  
SAID CONTRACT

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-236. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES:

Held for Executive Session - see Pages 10 and 11.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 85-23, PP 85-15, CLARK M. LEONARD:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission decision to allow the construction of a 10,800 square foot, two-story office structure in the C-3 (PP) zone at 17440 Prairie Avenue. CUP 85-23, PP 85-15, CLARK M. LEONARD.

Proof of publication was presented by the City Clerk and it was ordered filed, there being no objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

The applicant's request for continuation of the subject hearing to September 17, 1985, was noted.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the request for continuation of Agenda Item 15a to the Council meeting of September 17, 1985. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and there being no objection, it was so ordered (Councilman Applegate absent).

15b. ZC 85-1, GPA 85-2, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of a Zone Change and an Amendment to the General Plan from Industrial to Residential Land Use designations for the Palama Kennels property at 20605 Ladeene Avenue. ZC 85-1, GPA 85-2, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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Proof of publication was presented by City Clerk Babb and it was ordered filed, there being no objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

NOTED: Planning Commission and Planning Department recommend approval.

Mayor Armstrong invited audience comments on the subject consideration. There being no response, Councilwoman Geissert moved to close the hearing. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wirth absent).

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the Planning Department and Planning Commission recommendation for approval of ZC 85-1 and GPA 85-2 from Industrial to Residential Land Use. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED AUGUST 29, 1974, BY RESOLUTION NO. 74-194, TO REVISE THE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF LADEENE AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 540 FEET NORTH OF EMERALD STREET (20605 LADEENE AVENUE) FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO LOW-MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

GPA 85-2: TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-237. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

City Clerk Babb now read title to --

ORDINANCE NO. 3150

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON

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THE WEST SIDE OF LADEENE AVENUE APPROXIMATELY  
540 FEET NORTH OF EMERALD STREET (20605  
LADEENE AVENUE) FROM ML (M1-PP) TO R-TH  
ZC 85-1: TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3150 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. WAIVING OF FEES FOR SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE CARNIVAL:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager recommends that your Honorable Body waive the carnival license fees for St. Catherine Laboure Church contingent upon payment of the safety inspection fee.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation on Agenda Item 17a. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and approval was unanimous (Councilman Applegate absent).

17b. MADRONA MARSH:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to continue Item 17b. to the Council meeting of August 20, 1985, 5:30 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 10-12.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3149:

Councilman Wirth addressed the second reading of the subject ordinance which would extend the existing Mobil Oil Corporation pipeline franchise, advising that although he was not present at the first reading of the ordinance on August 6, he has read all staff material on the item and has viewed the videotape of the August 6 Council meeting.

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Mr. Wirth then voiced his opposition to the subject ordinance based on the Carson/Long Beach fee formula, noting his opinion that the issue before the City Council is land values and the City's right to charge a reasonable fee for the use of that land, rather than concessions involving a lesser fee structure because of land donations and charitable contributions from an oil company.

Noting Councilman Applegate's absence from tonight's meeting, coupled with his own intended negative vote on the second reading of the subject ordinance, Councilman Wirth offered the following:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to hold Agenda Item 18a, Ordinance No. 3149, second reading, until a full Council is in attendance. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of One (1) Hersey Model MFM II-MHR Fire Line/Master Meter (10" x 6") and One (1) 3" MVR Domestic Water Meter as a Reimbursable Purchase.

Expenditure: \$11,397.63 including tax

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR/BUYER:

Since this expenditure is fully reimbursable and the Torrance Business Centre, Ltd. company has already deposited the necessary funds to purchase these meters 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 \$11,397.63 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the staff recommendation in Agenda Item 20a. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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At 7:26 p.m. the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 7:29 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Wirth announced that he and Mayor Armstrong had taken part in the recent "Remember Our Heroes" ceremony in the City of Hawthorne, and noted that a half-scale model of the Vietnam Memorial is now on display in that city.

22b. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett announced the City's Aquacade to be held August 16 and 17 at the Benstead Plunge.

The Council now returned to --

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Armstrong read the following statement into the record:

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

1. Possible litigation concerning Park Del Amo project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh.
2. Possible litigation concerning the Greenwood School property site.
3. Pending litigation entitled: SOAR v. City of Torrance, Case Number CV 9543 United States District Court, Central District of California.

The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager regarding salaries, salary schedules and compensation of certain employee groups.

This closed session is being held pursuant to the following sections of the Government Code: 54956.9(a); 54956.9(c), 54957.8 and 54957.6.

At 7:33 p.m., the Council recessed to Executive Session, returning at 8:38 p.m., to take action on the following agenda item which was continued from Page 6.

14a. SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES:

City Clerk Babb read title to the following (Revised) Resolution --

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RESOLUTION NO. 85-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES,  
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR SAFETY  
MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING  
RESOLUTION 84-241

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-238. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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Further action was taken as is indicated below.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur, in principle, with the Memorandum of Intent for the Torrance Fiscal Employees Association. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

City Clerk Babb then read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND  
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED  
BY THE TORRANCE FISCAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 21, 1985 TO JULY 1,  
1986

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-239. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 85-240

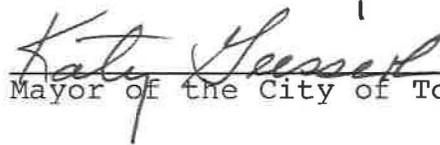
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN  
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ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

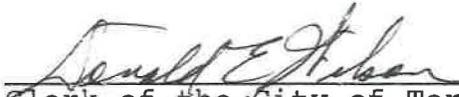
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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-240. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

At 8:45 p.m., the meeting was regularly adjourned to August 20, 1985, at 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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