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Adjournment was at 7:33 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty  
Minute SecretaryCity Council  
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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, August 20, 1985, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilmembers Applegate and Walker.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Ms. Barbara Honeycutt 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: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve the Council minutes of July 23, 1985, as recorded. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker 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 was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED AGENDA ITEMS:

15a. PP 85-10, Rauji Patel: Continued to the meeting of September 10, 1985, with concurrence of proponent.

17b. Madrona Marsh: Held for one week per recommendation of City Attorney.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RESOLUTION HONORING DR. KENNETH M. TOKITA:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-241

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE HONORING DR. KENNETH M. TOKITA FOR  
HIS DEDICATION TO MEDICAL RESEARCH AND AS A  
HUMANITARIAN

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-241. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

Dr. Tokita was present to accept, with gratitude, the above resolution in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of medicine and to his community.

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8b. RECOGNITION OF BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM:

Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of his colleagues on the Council and members of the community, proudly presented a plaque and letters to members of the Bishop Montgomery High School Drill Team in recognition of their accomplishments at the Miss Drill Team International competition held in Tokyo, Japan, July 5, 1985.

8c. PROCLAMATION Proclaiming August 25 through 31, 1985, as "Antique Telephone Collectors Week."

SO PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR ARMSTRONG.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. LIBRARY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur, with compliments, with the Library Commission Annual Report, July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

9b. SENATE BILL 806 (SENATOR PRESLEY):

At the Mayor's request, Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 806  
(SENATOR PRESLEY)  
COMMUNITY PARKLAND ACT OF 1986

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-242. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. PROPOSED VACATION OF ALLEY:

Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 85-243

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE THE NORTHERLY 6 FEET OF THE EAST-WEST ALLEY SOUTH OF 190TH STREET AND THE EASTERLY 6 FEET OF THE NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY WEST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 190TH STREET AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-243. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

10b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Construction of Storm Drains at Camino de las Colinas and at Calle Miramar (B85-46):

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

- 1) That the contract be awarded to Carney Engineering Construction, Inc., and all other bids be rejected; and
- 2) That \$29,000 be transferred from the appropriation of Drainage Improvement Funds for Action Plan Project No. 98 to cover anticipated costs.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, with the necessary appropriation. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

13a. AB 1276 (CAMPBELL):

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-244

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1276 (CAMPBELL) WHICH PROPOSED INCREASED PENALTIES FOR AIR POLLUTION

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-244. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

13b. RESOLUTION RE OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING COMPROMISE:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-245

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING CITY CONCERNS REGARDING OIL DRILLING IN THE VICINITY OF SANTA MONICA BAY AND SUPPORTING THE TENTATIVE CALIFORNIA OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING COMPROMISE REACHED BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND CONGRESS

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-245. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilwoman Geissert outlined her concerns regarding drilling off the Palos Verdes Peninsula shoreline and her desire to see the subject compromise expanded to exclude encroachment along that coastline.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-245, as written, with the addition of language to be drafted by the City Attorney in consultation with the Environmental Division that would express the City's concern in working toward the exclusion of the Palos Verdes Peninsula as a part of this entire arrangement.

This substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. EMPLOYMENT COUNSELOR/MANPOWER COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR:

City Management recommends approval of the job descriptions of Employment Counselor and Manpower Coordinator as presented.

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MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the staff recommendation on Agenda Item 14a. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

14b. APPROVAL OF GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR CLASSIFICATION:

Deputy City Clerk Hong read title to the following --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-246

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES IN WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 85-178

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-246. This motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

15. HEARINGS:

15a. PP 85-10, RAUJI PATEL:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an administrative appeal of a Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow a first- and second-story addition to an existing single-family residence located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 25623 Amber Leaf Road. PP 85-10, RAUJI PATEL.

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to continue Agenda Item 15a, PP 85-10, to September 10, 1985, a 7:00 p.m. meeting, at the proponent's request. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried without objection (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. AGREEMENT WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 85-247

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1985-86

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-247. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

17b. MADRONA MARSH DEDICATION:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with the request of the City Attorney to hold Agenda Item 17b, Madrona Marsh Dedication, to the Council meeting of August 27, 1985, a 7:00 p.m. meeting. The motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried without objection (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 8-10.

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3150:

Deputy City Clerk Hong 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 THE WEST SIDE OF LADEENE AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 540 FEET NORTH OF EMERALD STREET (10605 LADEENE AVENUE) FROM ML (M1-PP) TO R-TH  
ZC 85-1: TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3150 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. INVESTMENT REPORT - MONTH OF JUNE, 1985:RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TREASURER:

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Treasurer on Agenda Item 20a. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

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At 6:04 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency. At 6:13 p.m., the regular Council agenda order was resumed, the Agency/Council remained in Joint Session for purposes of a Joint Executive Session to be held at the conclusion of Council business - see below.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Mock extended "Happy Birthday" wishes to his wife, Colleen.

22b. Councilman Wirth requested that expanded notification be afforded the public with regard to the question of a commercial rubbish hauling franchise to be heard by the Council at their meeting of September 10, 1985.

The Council now returned to --

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session (see above), Mayor/Chairman Armstrong read the following statement into the record:

The City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with and receiving advice from the Redevelopment Agency's counsel concerning the following:

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1. The proposed lease of property located on Cravens Avenue between Post Avenue and El Prado to Thomas Safran and Associates for the construction of a senior citizens' housing project.

This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority contained in Government Code Section 54956.8.

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

1. Pending litigation entitled: DYKES v. MOSELY, CITY OF TORRANCE, Superior Court Case Number SWC 72367. This closed session is held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
2. Pending litigation entitled: CITY OF TORRANCE v. TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Superior Court Case Number C561662. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
3. Possible litigation concerning the Park Del Amo project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(c).
4. Possible litigation concerning the grant agreements entered into between the FAA and the City for improvements at the Torrance Municipal Airport. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(c).

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 authority of Government Code Section 54957.6.

The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with the City Attorney regarding pending litigation with regard to workers compensation involving Officer Maley. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

At 6:18 p.m., the Council/Redevelopment Agency recessed to Joint Executive Session, returning at 7:30 p.m. to take the following action as City Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-248

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 4, 1985 THROUGH JULY 31, 1987

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-248. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

The Deputy City Clerk then read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-249. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the Council concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney in the matter of DYKES v. MOSELY, CITY OF TORRANCE, Superior Court Case Number SWC 72367. Councilwoman Geissert SO MOVED. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate and Walker absent).

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At 7:33 p.m., the meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency adjourned to August 27, 1985, at 7:00 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

  
Clerk of the City of Torrance