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Adjournment was at 10:12 p.m.

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Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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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 27, 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 staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

The salute to the flag was led by Parks and Recreation Commissioner Linda Brown.

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for approval of the minutes of July 30, 1985, as received. 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 WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RESOLUTION COMMENDING HARRY PEACOCK:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING HARRY R. PEACOCK  
ON HIS EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUNICIPAL  
ADMINISTRATION, AND HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS ON  
BEHALF OF THE CITIZENRY OF THE SOUTHBAY  
COMMUNITY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-250. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

8b. PROCLAMATION proclaiming the month of September 1985 as "Seat Belts Work Month."

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong, and received with appreciation by Mr. John Wheelhouse, Assistant District Manager of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

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Mr. Wheelhouse, in turn, made a presentation to the City of Torrance in recognition of the City's pedestrian safety record for 1984.

8c. PROCLAMATION proclaiming September 2 through 7, 1985, as "Union Label Week."

SO PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR ARMSTRONG.

8d. INTRODUCTION OF LYONS CLUB EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Mr. Kenny Uyeda, North Torrance Lyons Club, introduced the following members of the Lyons Student Exchange Program from various areas of Japan.

Tomoo Kawame  
Kayo Maeda  
Mika Suzuki  
Hiroto Terajima  
Yoshiyuki Yonezawa  
Masako Nishino

A special presentation symbolizing good health, happiness and longevity was presented to Mayor Armstrong by Miss Tomoo Kawame. The Mayor received this symbol with grateful appreciation on behalf of his colleagues on the Council and the citizens of Torrance.

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. APPLICATION UNDER SENIOR CENTER BOND ACT OF 1984:

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Department staff recommends that Option A be approved and that your Honorable Body adopt the attached Resolution approving the filing of an application by September 4, 1985 for the funding of \$750,000 under the Senior Center Bond Act of 1984 and certify that the City would provide the required 15% match.

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

The Senior Citizens Council of the City of Torrance concur in the Parks and Recreation Department recommendation that the City Council approve the filing of an application for the funding of \$750,000 under the Senior Center Bond Act of 1984.

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## CITY MANAGER NOTE:

While the City Manager concurs with the filing of the application, it is important to note that the proposed project has not been prioritized in conjunction with the City's overall Capital Improvement Budget.

If the grant is approved, the City Manager recommends that Council reserve the final approval of the project until staff returns with additional information regarding staff and operational cost.

Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett indicated concurrence with the above City Manager's NOTE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA SENIOR CENTER BOND ACT OF 1984 FOR EXPANSION OF THE BARTLETT SENIOR MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-251. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Ursel Nolte, 5209 Paseo de Pablo, introduced members of the Bartlett Band present in the audience.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 85-251 was unanimously favorable.

9b. FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BUILDING 4 AT WILSON PARK:RECOMMENDATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

The Parks and Recreation Director recommends that your Honorable Body:

- Accept the feasibility study as prepared by Parkin Architects;

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- Concur with implementation of Option B for the construction of a new state of the art recreation building which would provide an aesthetically pleasing structure scaled to the park and the adjacent community, energy efficient and designed for easy supervision; and
- Direct staff to solicit proposals for the preparation of a needs assessment to determine the ultimate size of the structure.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that your Honorable Body accept the Parkin Architect study and that the present building footprint be rehabilitated and available resources be utilized.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager recommends acceptance of the feasibility study as prepared by Parkin Architects and requests authorization to solicit proposals for preparation of a needs assessment to determine the size of a sports facility. Funds are available for the study in the Wilson Park appropriations.

The Director of Parks and Recreation advised that staff is in concurrence with the above noted City Manager's recommendation, and also acknowledged that a decision regarding concurrence with Option B does not have to be made at this time -- concurrence with the other two staff recommendations will result in a return to Council following the needs assessment with a request for a final decision.

Councilwoman Geissert inquired as to the depth of the proposed needs assessment in the area of a new facility versus rehabilitation of the existing building. Director of Parks and Recreation Barnett advised that the intent would be to address the issue of cost effectiveness.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Department to accept the feasibility study and go forward with the needs assessment. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. PERS MEDICAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION FOR TME-AFSCME:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ELECTING TO FIX THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 1117, AFSCME

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-252. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-253

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 TME-AFSCME AMENDING RESOLUTION 85-209

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-253. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14b. SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT - TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES' ASSOC:

City Clerk Babb read title to the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 85-254

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 LIBRARY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION 85-188

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-254. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. MADRONA MARSH DEDICATION:

Councilman Applegate announced that he would abstain in consideration of this item for reasons previously stated. He then departed from the Chambers.

RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY:

We recommend that your Honorable Body authorize and direct the City Attorney to file and prosecute an action in the Superior Court in order to obtain such fee title to the Madrona Marsh and seek to preserve the Marsh pending a final determination by the Court.

Mayor Armstrong acknowledged receipt of correspondence dated August 27, 1985, from GKJ Industries, James L. Krasne, President.

The Mayor then affirmed that his recommendation as stated above still stands; City Attorney Remelmeyer affirmed the same for his recommendation.

It was then determined that, because of the possible litigation surrounding this matter, an Executive Session would be in order at this time, and the Mayor 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.

This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

At 7:32 p.m., the Council recessed to Executive Session, returning at 7:50 p.m. (NOTE: Councilman Applegate, having previously announced his abstention, did not participate in the Executive Session discussion).

Mayor Armstrong reaffirmed the above recommendation, as stated.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the Mayor and City Attorney. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

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Prior to roll call vote, the Mayor invited audience input.

First to speak was Ms. Georgean Griswold, President of Friends of Madrona Marsh, who read aloud their statement of official record, recommending approval of the recommendation to file and prosecute an action to obtain fee title to the Marsh, as well as protective action pending the Court decision. Ms. Griswold pledged the continued assistance of the Friends to "obtain this precious nature preserve for the people."

Mr. Sam Suitt, 1745 Maple Avenue #73, voiced his support "with reluctance and disappointment" of the action contemplated.

Mr. John Benjamin, 22926 Nadine Circle, head of the Civic Affairs Committee of the New Horizons condominiums, urged that the City be exceptionally watchful to ensure that the Marsh is not interfered with during the period of litigation, it being his contention that the Marsh was being actively drained at one point during the winter of 1985.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised this speaker that, as part of the declaratory relief action, the City also plans to bring an action for a preliminary injunction.

Speaking on behalf of the STOP coalition, now disbanded, Ms. Kay White, 645 Via los Miradores urged that the Council proceed with litigation to procure a fee simple title to the Marsh. Ms. White also stated that, as a member of the Board of the Riviera Homeowners Association, she has been authorized to advise of their opposition to any reversion option and their favor of the contemplated litigation process.

Roll call vote on the motion to concur with the Mayor and City Attorney's recommendation proved unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate ABSTAINED).

Councilman Applegate returned to the Council Chambers at this time.

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 10-12.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3149:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

ORDINANCE NO. 3149

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, A NEW YORK CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CERTAIN PIPELINE AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDRO-CARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3149, at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and carried by way of the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock, Walker and Wirth.

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At 8:06 p.m., the City Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, returning to the Council agenda at 8:08 p.m., but remaining in Joint Session for purposes of an Executive Session to be held at the conclusion of Council business (See Page 10).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson commended City staff and Fire Department personnel for their handling of an emergency situation which occurred in the West Annex of City Hall last weekend.

22b. Councilman Applegate expressed appreciation for the experiences his son enjoyed as a recent Del Amo Rotary Exchange Student in Japan, and also related highlights of the recent visit of some of the Japanese students to this Country.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert praised the City's very successful on-going Sister City program.

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22d. Councilwoman Geissert mentioned a petition (of record) received from the YWCA regarding the critical off-street parking needs for that facility. It was Mrs. Geissert's request that this matter be brought before the Council as an agenda item with various options presented for consideration.

22e. Councilman Nakano commended all concerned on the Education Forum with Senator Cranston held in these Council Chambers on Friday, August 23.

22f. On behalf of the entire City Council, Mayor Armstrong commended all involved in Senator Cranston's meeting and in the crisis situation involving flooding in the West Annex of City Hall last weekend.

22g. Ms. Georgean Griswold applauded the Council for the action taken this evening regarding the Madrona Marsh (see Item 17a, Page 7).

The Council now returned to --

17b. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency having remained in Joint Session, 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:

1. Pending litigation on the 26-acre Redevelopment Project. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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

1. Pending litigation entitled: Constantine and Beverly Deros v. City of Torrance, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number SWC 79400. This closed session is held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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2. Pending litigation entitled City of Torrance vs. Torrance Unified School District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number C561662. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
3. 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.

NOTE: The Council also recessed to closed session earlier in the meeting concerning the Park Del Amo project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh (see Page 7).

At 8:22 p.m. the City Council/Redevelopment Agency recessed to Joint Executive Session, returning at 10:10 p.m., to take the following action.

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the Council increase the City Attorney's budget for litigation purposes in the sum of \$85,000.00 from the Unappropriated Reserves.

Councilwoman Geissert SO MOVED. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-255

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-255. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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RESOLUTION NO. 85-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES,  
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CROSSING  
GUARD EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1985 TO AUGUST 31, 1987

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of  
Resolution No. 85-256. This motion, seconded by Councilman  
Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:12 p.m., the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the  
City of Torrance adjourned to September 3, 1985, at 5:30 p.m.

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Katy Geissert  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Arnold E. Nelson  
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

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