

I N D E XTorrance City Council - October 22, 1985

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
<u>OPENING CEREMONIES:</u>	
1. Call to Order	1
2. Roll Call	1
3. Flag Salute and Invocation	1
<u>STANDARD MOTIONS:</u>	
4. Approval of Minutes	1
5. Motion to Waive Further Reading	2
6. Withdrawn or Deferred Items	2
7. Council Committee Meetings	2
<u>8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:</u>	
8a. Resolution Honoring Logan R. Cotton	2
8b. Resolution Commending Friends of Torrance Library	2,3
<u>9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:</u>	
9a. Senior Citizens Council Annual Report	3
9b. Lease Agreement with Park Del Amo Builders, Inc.	3,4
9c. Prohibition of Sail-Powered Conveyances	4
<u>10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:</u>	
10a. Storm Drain Construction in 175th Street and 175th Place	4,5
<u>14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:</u>	
14a. Approval of Class Spec for Identification Analyst	5,6
14b. Ordinance No. 3151	6
14c. Use of Selective Certification	6-8
14d. Revision of Job Descriptions/Manpower	8
14e. Revised Class Spec for Planning Assistant and Planning Technician	9
14f. Supplemental MOU for TPSA	9
<u>15. HEARINGS:</u>	
15a. EA 84-30, City of Torrance	9-16
<u>17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:</u>	
17a. Executive Session	20,21
17b. Support of SJR 30 (Roberti)	16
17c. Renewal of Airport Liability Insurance	16,17
17d. Renewal of Insurance Civic Center Authority, Public Facilities Building Corporation and Torrance Improvements Corporation	17
17e. Sale of Certificates of Participation	17
17f. Regulation of Vehicular Parking in Front Yards	17,18
<u>20. CONSENT CALENDAR:</u>	
20a. Approval of Emergency Purchase - Air Conditioning Compressor	18,20
20b. Award of Contract - Sporting Goods	18-20
20c. Award of Contract - Street Maintenance Products	19,20
20d. Award of Contract - Computer System Tape Drives	19,20

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
22. <u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	
22a. Councilman Wirth commending Mr. Ursel Nolte	20
22b. Mayor Armstrong re internship program with Cal State Dominguez Hills	20
22c. Mayor Armstrong re signing of Council meetings for hearing impaired	20

Adjournment was at 9:48 p.m.

# # # # #

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

ii.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Prepared by Office of City Clerk  
DONNA M. BABB, CITY CLERK

October 22, 1985

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, October 22, 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,  
Assistant City Attorney Quale, and  
Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Mr. John Villasenor led in the salute to the flag.

Reverend Tom Rothhaar, Walteria Methodist Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved for approval of the minutes of October 1, 1985, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

City Council  
October 22, 1985

5. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Wirth 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 was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

None.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RESOLUTION HONORING LOGAN R. COTTON:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-293

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE HONORING LOGAN R. COTTON AS  
1985 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-293. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

This resolution was accepted, with gratitude, by Mr. Cotton.

8b. RESOLUTION COMMENDING FRIENDS OF TORRANCE LIBRARY:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

RESOLUTION NO. 85-294

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE COMMENDING THE FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE

City Council  
October 22, 1985

LIBRARY FOR DEDICATED CONTRIBUTION TO BETTER  
LIBRARY SERVICE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-294. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

\* \* \*

At this time Mayor Armstrong presented two lovely and talented citizens of Torrance --

Miss Lisa Clanton, 1985 Miss Torrance,  
and her sister,  
Miss Erin Clanton, 1986 Miss Torrance.

These young ladies were extended a warm welcome and best wishes in their future endeavors by the Mayor and members of the Council.

\* \* \*

9. LIBRARY/PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to receive and file, with appreciation, the subject Annual Report. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

9b. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK DEL AMO BUILDERS, INC:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-295

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A  
LETTER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AND PARK DEL AMO BUILDERS, INC.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-295. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Prior to roll call vote, Director of Parks and Recreation called attention to staff's recommendation that the rent for the parcel in question be set at \$1250.00 per month, and that the monies generated be earmarked for Marsh purposes.

Ms. Georgean Griswold, President of Friends of Madrona Marsh, referenced correspondence (of record) wherein it is recommended that the City require no less than \$1500.00 per month for use of the parcel by the developers during the 12-15 month building period.

Roll call vote on the motion for adoption of Resolution No. 85-295, was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

9c. ORDINANCE PROHIBITING USE OF SAIL-POWERED CONVEYANCES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3152

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 45.6.28 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROHIBITING THE USE OF SAIL-POWERED CONVEYANCES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3152 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. STORM DRAIN CONSTRUCTION IN 175TH STREET AND 175TH PLACE AT PRAIRIE AVENUE:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

The Engineering Department recommends that your Honorable Body appropriate \$50,000 from the Drainage Improvement Fund for design and construction of a storm drain in 175th Street and 175th Place at Prairie Avenue.

Audience comments were invited by the Mayor.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Mr. Nick Penque, 4042 West 175th Place, presented photographs to the Council depicting existing flooding problems in his area, and described ongoing severe flooding problems of some 20 years' duration. Mr. Penque also described a problem involving standing water that has existed in recent years, due to past construction activity by the City.

Councilwoman Geissert advised of a telephone conversation with Mrs. Osborne, a resident at the corner of Amie and 175th Place, also relating to standing water in the area.

Following review by City Engineer Bourbonnais of the anticipated effect of the subject storm drain project, Mayor Armstrong directed that Engineering and Street Department Staff contact Mr. Penque with regard to the matter of the standing water.

Roll call vote indicating concurrence with staff's recommendation on this agenda item was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. APPROVAL OF CLASS SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE FOR IDENTIFICATION ANALYST:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Civil Service Commission, City Management and the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) jointly recommend approval of the new class specification, and City Management and TPSA recommend adoption of the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding establishing the salary range for Identification Analyst.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Item 14a. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-296

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION 85-189

City Council  
October 22, 1985

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-296. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

14b. ORDINANCE NO. 3151:

City Clerk Babb read title to --

ORDINANCE NO. 3151

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE SETTING FORTH THE WAGES, HOURS, AND  
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEYS

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3151, at its third first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

14c. RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RE USE OF  
SELECTIVE CERTIFICATION:

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body direct City management to cease using selective certification when selecting employees from Civil Service eligible lists.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

In the various Memorandums of Understanding with employee groups the provisions which provide for the use of selective certification are permissive. That is, selective certification is applied at management's option. Therefore, effective September 24, 1985, we have terminated the use of selective certification.

The process of selective certification originally was a viable method whereby the City could assist in meeting affirmative action guidelines and used to help phase CETA (federally funded job training) participants into City employment. In addition, selective certification encouraged internal promotions and assisted in recruitment of temporary personnel. A strong City Attorney's opinion, however, stating that selective certification conflicts with the City Charter and is thus invalid, prompted the Civil Service Commission's action.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Following clarification of management's position by City Manager Jackson, Councilman Wirth indicated his personal opinion that the matter belongs in the negotiating process and, as such, should be held until the next negotiations on the various contracts. Mr. Wirth further suggested that the City Manager elect, in the meantime, NOT to use the selective certification process.

The following motion was then offered (ultimately failed to carry by way of a tie vote - see Page 8).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to TABLE Agenda Item 14c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Council discussion continued. The City Attorney's opinion on the matter and the legal ramifications involved were clarified by Assistant City Attorney Quale. There being a conflict in the language of the MOU's and the Charter, Mr. Quale pointed out that the procedure recommended by staff is to leave the language of the MOU's in tact at this time; refrain from using selective certification; and negotiate under meet and confer regarding the language of the MOU's.

Mr. James Amato, 2146 West 236th Place, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, requested that the Council take action other than to Table this matter at this time, there being a need for Council direction in the matter of meeting and conferring with the bargaining units.

Councilwoman Geissert indicated her concurrence with staff's recommendation which would instruct the City Manager to cease using selective certification, thus addressing the conflict with the Charter provisions.

A substitute motion was then offered (which also failed to carry).

Councilwoman Geissert offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION to concur with staff's recommendation which would instruct the City Manager to cease using selective certification when selecting employees from the Civil Service eligible lists, and to continue this practice until employee contracts are discussed and renewed which would then make it a matter of meet and consult/meet and confer.

Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano, but FAILED TO CARRY by way of the following tie vote:

City Council  
October 22, 1985

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Nakano and Mayor  
Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock, Walker and Wirth.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

The MAIN MOTION to Table the item also FAILED TO CARRY as is indicated below:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock, Walker and Wirth.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Nakano and Mayor  
Armstrong.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

MOTION: Councilman Walker then moved to hold Agenda Item 14c for one week. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

14d. REVISION OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS/MANPOWER DIVISION:

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE  
ADMINISTRATOR:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body approve the revised job descriptions for the following six Manpower positions as presented:

Employment and Training Administrator  
Employment and Training Coordinator  
Employment and Training Supervisor  
Employment Specialist I  
Employment Counselor  
Intake Interviewer.

Following clarification, as requested, by Civil Service Administrator Ghio, Council action was taken as reflected below.

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

City Council  
October 22, 1985

14e. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS/PLANNING ASSISTANT AND PLANNING TECHNICIAN:

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR:

The Civil Service Commission and City Management recommend that your Honorable Body approve the revised class specifications for Planning Assistant and Planning Technician, and City Management recommends that the salary range for these classifications remain at the existing level.

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

14f. SUPPLEMENTAL MOU FOR TPSA:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-297

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 PROFESSIONAL  
AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION AMENDING  
RESOLUTION NO. 85-189

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-297. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

15. HEARINGS:

15a. EA 84-30, CITY OF TORRANCE:

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for Council consideration of an administrative appeal of the decision of the Environmental Review Board to accept, as adequate and complete, the Environmental Impact Report regarding the proposed extension of 223rd Street from Western Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard.

The Mayor then inquired as to whether the necessary notices have been sent and published. City Clerk Babb responded in the affirmative.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Mayor Armstrong then announced that tonight's hearing will be in two parts: FIRST, staff will make a brief presentation to the Council; and SECOND, those in the audience who wish to be heard will be given the opportunity to speak to the issue.

The following comments were then offered by the Mayor to set the tone and the boundaries of the hearing:

"We are not here tonight to decide whether 223rd Street is to go through or not. That decision will be made another day. We are only considering whether the draft Environmental Impact Report which has been prepared is adequate and complete.

"We are in the process of preparing a final EIR on this project. This final EIR will consist of the following things: (1) the draft EIR, the document which was written with our hired experts and the comments made by those of you in the audience and others who wrote or appeared in person to comment, as well as the responses of the experts to your comments; and (2) it will include the hearing tonight, with all the statements and answers which will be generated tonight.

"You should know that an EIR is an informational document. It is designed to inform the public agency considering the project, as well as the public, of the significant effects on the environment which may arise from a project. It will identify ways to minimize those effects and will discuss reasonable alternatives to the project. The evaluation of the environmental effects need not be exhaustive, but the sufficiency of an EIR is to be reviewed in the light of what is reasonably feasible. Disagreement among experts does not render an EIR inadequate. We look to the adequacy and completeness of the EIR and at the good faith effort to disclose pertinent information."

\* \* \*

Staff presentation was then provided by Sr. C.E. Associate Perkins, followed by comments from members of the audience as indicated below.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Mr. Harvey Oelkers, Business Manager of the Torrance Unified School District, stated that the School District feels the report to be inadequate because of its failure to properly address the following concerns:

- o Impact on the School District by the route bisecting the District's parking lot (the District was not consulted in this regard).
- o Vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the area, including the two elementary schools in the vicinity and high school students crossing to their athletic field.
- o Consideration of the young, inexperienced high school drivers in the area.
- o Question of air pollution including wind patterns and the effect of a concentration of smog on school playgrounds in the area.
- o Merits of using the alternate route presented in the report.

\* \* \*

Speaking for the Combined PTA Committee representing Torrance High School PTSA; J. H. Hull Middle School PTA; Torrance Elementary PTA; and Torrance Council of PTA's was the Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Sue Herbers, 2264 West 230th Street.

Noting that one of the objects of PTA is to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship, Mrs. Herbers read aloud the following prepared statement which is included in these minutes in its entirety.

WE FEEL THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT 84-30 IS NEITHER ADEQUATE NOR ACCURATE IN SOME AREAS AS IT NOW IS WRITTEN.

IN COMMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD WE VOICED CONCERNS THAT TREES WERE NUMBERED AND CHARTED BUT THAT STUDENT PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC WAS NOT ADEQUATELY SURVEYED. THE STUDENT POPULATIONS AT TORRANCE HIGH IS APPROXIMATELY 1990, 700 AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND 500 AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I DO NOT HAVE THE FIGURES FOR NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL AT THIS TIME. WHILE NOT ALL STUDENTS WOULD CROSS THIS NEW STREET A GREAT NUMBER WILL COME THROUGH THE INTERSECTION TWICE A DAY. THE OLDER STUDENTS, JUNIORS AND

City Council  
October 22, 1985

SENIORS, ARE DRIVING FOR THE MOST PART BUT MANY YOUNGER STUDENTS RIDE BIKES AND SKATEBOARDS BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME. SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY IN SESSION AND COUNTS TAKEN NOW WILL GIVE A CLEAR FIGURE ON THE VOLUMES OF SUCH TRAFFIC. WE ARE PROPOSING PEOPLE TO DO THE COUNTING AND NOT MACHINES!

MR. PERKINS INDICATED TO US THAT THERE WAS A BICYCLE PATH FROM PLAZA DEL AMO AT ARLINGTON GOING NORTH ALONG THE CONDOMINIUMS. THERE ARE NO MARKINGS FOR SUCH A PATH EITHER BY SIGN OR STREET MARKINGS WE CAN SEE.

THE PICTURE SHOWN OF THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARKING LOT WAS TAKEN THE DAY AFTER A LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND WHEN NORMAL TRAFFIC PATTERNS ARE DISRUPTED. THIS DOES NOT INDICATE ITS TRUE USAGE.

THE NUMBER OF DAILY TRAINS TRAVELING ON THE AT & SF TRACK WAS SAID TO BE "ABOUT" FOUR (4) PER DAY. NO TIME SCHEDULES WERE GIVEN TO INDICATE ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICTS WITH ANY EXISTING OR FUTURE TRAFFIC PATTERNS.

ALSO OF GREAT CONCERN IS THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE "TO DESTINATION USE ONLY". AS WE ALL KNOW THE DEL AMO CENTER IS THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION FOR THIS STREET AND TRUCK DELIVERIES ARE MADE DAILY. THIS IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. WE WERE TOLD AT THE THE BOARD HEARING THAT THIS AUTOMATICALLY PRECLUDES ANY TRUCK TRAFFIC AND THAT IS KNOWN BY EVERYONE AND THAT SUCH RULES WOULD BE ENFORCED STRICTLY BY TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS HAS NOT BEEN COMMENTED ON BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. WOULD THIS BE A PRIORITY?

WHEN THIS WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THERE WAS ONLY ONE PLAN PRESENTED AND AN ALTERNATIVE WAS ONLY DRAWN UP WHEN COMMENTS WERE MADE TO STAFF ABOUT THE LACK OF ANY ALTERNATIVE. AS IT STANDS NOW, ALTERNATIVE II IS AT BEST SKETCHILY DONE. MORE INFORMATION ON MITIGATION MEASURES SUCH AS OVERHEAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS (FOR TRAFFIC FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL TO THE PRACTICE FIELDS AND STADIUM NEXT TO TORRANCE ELEMENTARY), CROSSING GUARDS AND SIGNALS IS NEEDED.

WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR FUTURE, THE CHILDREN, AND WE WANT YOU TO HAVE THE MOST INFORMATION POSSIBLE BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION ON THIS PROJECT.

\* \* \*

City Council  
October 22, 1985

The next speaker was Mrs. Dee Hardison, 2024 West 236th Street, President of SETHA and representing that organization at this meeting. Concerns addressed by Mrs. Hardison were:

- o Absence of proper delineation of the bicycle lane from Arlington along Plaza Del Amo, and the need for definitive information regarding the bicycle lane in the EIR.
- o Misleading and inadequate information relative to Alternative II (Figure 10).

\* \* \*

Mrs. Irene Griffith, 3416 West 229th Street, indicated grave concerns about the intersection of Plaza Del Amo with the new street going westerly because of the "extremely hazardous" crossing which would be imposed on the school buses which are garaged just north of this location. That intersection should be more thoroughly scrutinized, per Mrs. Griffith.

\* \* \*

Representing Torrance Elementary was Mrs. Karen McGoff, 224 Santa Cruz Court, who maintained that the safety of their students was not adequately addressed in the EIR. Concerns included:

- o Pedestrian traffic studies were not done re the concerned area.
- o A bicycle traffic study was not done re the concerned area.
- o There was no interview with the crossing guard at Lincoln and Arlington Avenues.

Mrs. McGoff advised that in the PTA's interview with the crossing guard (Mr. James Wright), it was ascertained that students do not always use the marked crosswalk at the intersection; high school drivers do not always obey the crossing guard's sign; drivers have been observed attempting to beat trains at the railroad crossing; and the afternoon backup of traffic at the crossing has been observed to be as long as 15 minutes. Mr. Wright emphasized, per this speaker, that the traffic studies should have been accomplished between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. and between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. (peak school traffic periods).

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Mr. Robert Slaughter, 2160 Plaza Del Amo, #161, a registered Professional Engineer in the State of California, provided a presentation supplemented with viewgraphs and photographs. Mr. Slaughter's commentary included the following observations:

- o The project could be designed so as to take substantially less of Wilson Park.
- o The Park Plaza ingress/egress was not adequately addressed.
- o Comments regarding the planned project vs. Alternative II should be countered.
- o The PUC in San Francisco will have to approve the railroad crossing.
- o School buses will be backed up.
- o The entrance to the school parking lot will no longer be accessible.
- o Egress on Washington Street from Pacific Sales and from Wilson Park should be addressed.
- o Traffic counts cited in the EIR are meaningless and should be corrected, the traffic counts cited being north-southbound; the subject proposal being an east-westbound artery.
- o The proposed railroad crossing violates the guidelines and recommendations of two Federal acts.
- o The EIR should address specifically what happens if the railroad crossing is not approved -- new design alternatives should be included in the EIR.

Mr. Slaughter recommended that the Council return the EIR for further work by staff, as indicated by the presentations at this meeting.

\* \* \*

There being no further comments from the audience, Councilman Walker moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Mayor Armstrong then invited comments or questions from the Council.

Responding to inquiries from Councilwoman Geissert, City Engineer Bourbonnais advised that it was the opinion of the Environmental Review Board that the question of the PUC's approval of the railroad crossing was either sufficiently addressed or was not necessary to address in the EIR. Further, Mr. Bourbonnais advised that, in the opinion of the Board, pedestrian counts were not necessary to make a legitimate analysis as to whether or not the project should be built.

Mr. Justin Farmer, Traffic Engineer, responded to Councilwoman Geissert's question regarding traffic counts by stating that the counts referenced in the EIR were taken between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and over a 24-hour period. There was no pedestrian count, as such, merely an observation, per Mr. Farmer.

Relative to Mrs. Geissert's concerns regarding contact with the School District, Mr. David Reizer, consultant, affirmed that since the initial EIR was prepared, there was no consultation with the School District.

Councilman Walker indicated his willingness to go forward with approval of the EIR at this time, with inclusion of the comments received at this hearing.

Councilwoman Geissert, while acknowledging this to be a "very good" EIR, indicated her desire for expansion on the following significant issues:

- o Traffic counts at school peak hours to supplement the 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. peak hours.
- o Pedestrian counts during peak hours for both the Torrance Elementary and Torrance High Schools, so that possible mitigating measures and safety precautions can be built into whatever design the project might ultimately take.
- o Discussions with the School District representatives regarding the impacts of one of the routes bisecting the School District's parking lot on Plaza Del Amo.
- o Additional information regarding bus access and means of dealing with that problem in the project design.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert then moved that action be held at this time on the EIR, pending generation of information in the areas above noted. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Armstrong directed that the detailed presentations by Mrs. Herbers, Mrs. Hardison, Mr. Oelkers, and others be addressed to the extent that they have not been addressed heretofore, with the matter to be returned to the Council at the earliest possible time. There were no objections to the Mayor's directive.

Roll call vote on Councilwoman Geissert's above motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

See Pages 20 and 21.

17b. SUPPORT OF SJR 30 (ROBERTI):

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

RESOLUTION NO. 85-298

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30 (ROBERTI)  
WHICH URGES THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS  
TO RETAIN THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND  
LOCAL TAXES

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 85-298. His motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

17c. RENEWAL OF AIRPORT LIABILITY INSURANCE:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager respectfully requests your Honorable Body to concur with the renewal of the 1985-86 Airport Insurance with the Puritan Insurance Company and Lloyds of London for first dollar to \$20,000,000 limits of coverage at a cost of \$13,292.98.

Funds for the above insurance have been included in the 1985-86 budget.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

17d. RENEWAL OF INSURANCE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY-TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY, TORRANCE PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDING CORPORATION AND THE TORRANCE IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager respectfully requests your Honorable Body to concur with the renewal of the 1985-86 Liability Insurance Coverage for Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority, Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation and the Torrance Improvements Corporation with Fireman's Fund from first dollar to a \$1,000,000 limit at a cost of \$5,175.

Funds for the above insurance have been included in the 1985-86 budget.

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

17e. SALE OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION:

City Finance Director Dundore provided (for the information of the Council) a report on the sizing and terms of the issue of the sale of Certificates of Participation to provide funding for the Community Recreation and Cultural Arts Center and the Airport T-Hangars and General Aviation Center.

17f. ORDINANCES REGULATING PARKING OF VEHICLES IN FRONT YARDS:

Mayor Armstrong noted Councilman Applegate's request that the subject item be held until he could be present for its consideration.

Following staff presentation by Planning Director Ferren, audience input was invited by the Mayor.

Mr. Greg Hack, 5009 Bindewald Road, agreed (as was suggested by the Planning Director) that the definition of "paving" should be addressed.

City Council  
October 22, 1985

Assistant City Attorney Quale concurred that a rework of certain aspects of the proposed ordinances would be in order.

Mrs. Dee Hardison, representing SETHA, encouraged the adoption of effective regulations in the subject area of consideration.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to continue Item 17f. for one week (to the Council meeting of October 29, 1985). His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Mayor Armstrong directed staff to incorporate any specific concerns of Councilman Applegate's during the further review of this item prior to its return for consideration by the full Council.

Councilman Wirth's motion to continue this matter for one week carried without objection (Councilman Applegate absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE: Replacement of Air Conditioning Compressor - West Annex  
EXPENDITURE: \$9,570.67

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that in accordance with Section 22.3.12 of our Municipal Code entitled "Emergencies", which provides for emergency purchases in these types of situations involving public buildings (per staff material on this agenda item), that Council approve of this emergency purchase made from the Southern California Trane Service Company in the total amount of \$9,570.67 including tax.

- 20b. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - furnish City Requirements for Sporting Goods  
REF: Bid B85-57  
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE: \$30,583.47

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR/PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that the Council award the following contracts for the required sporting goods to the following listed companies for each bid item as indicated:

City Council  
October 22, 1985

1. Recommend a contract award be made to Conlin Brothers, Inc. of Whittier, California for Bid Items 3,4,6,7,9,11-15,28-34, 36-38,40,43,45,47,50,57-60,65-69,71,73-76,78-80, and 82 for the total amount of \$16,375.94 including tax.
2. Recommend a contract award be made to Torrance Sports Shop of Torrance, California for Bid Items 8,10,12,23,24,27,35,39,44, 46,63, and 77 for the total amount of \$10,366.55 including tax.
3. Recommend a contract award be made to BSN Corporation of Dallas, Texas, for Bid Items 1,2,25,26,41,42,49,51-56,61,62, 70, and 83 for the total amount of \$2,865.64 including tax.
4. Recommend a contract award be made to W.A. Goodman & Sons of Los Angeles, California for Bid Items 5,16-22,48, and 81 for the total amount of \$975.34 including tax.

#### FUNDING

Adequate funds are available through the Park and Recreation Department 1985-86 budget to cover these expenses.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT: To Furnish City's Annual Requirements of Asphalt and Related Street Maintenance Products  
REF: Bid No. B85-62  
ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE: \$627,356.89 (including tax)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR/BUYER:

It is recommended that Council award an annual contract to the low bidder, Blue Diamond Materials of Long Beach, California for the City's annual requirement of asphalt and street maintenance related products in the anticipated total amount of \$627,356.89 including tax.

- 20d. AWARD OF CONTRACT: To Purchase and Install Two (2) Magnetic Tape Drives for the City's Main Computer System Utilizing GSA Contract Pricing  
EXPENDITURE: \$39,561.00 (including tax, plus freight)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

It is recommended that your Honorable Body award a contract for the purchase and installation of the two (2) Tape Drives with necessary cabling, manuals, etc., from the Systems Industries Company of Milpitas, California,

City Council  
October 22, 1985

utilizing established GSA contract pricing, (Ref. Contract No. GSC-KESA-C-00030-N-4-11-85), in the total amount of \$39,571.00 including tax, plus freight charges estimated at \$800.00 total.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to concur with staff recommendations on Agenda Items 20a, 20b, 20c, and 20d. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

\* \* \*

At 9:05 p.m., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, reconvening as City Council at 9:09 p.m.

\* \* \*

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Wirth congratulated and commended Mr. Ursel Nolte for his efforts regarding the recent action of the Board of Supervisors (reference Redevelopment Agency Oral Communications this date).

22b. Mayor Armstrong requested that the City Manager explore the possibility of creating an internship program with Cal State Dominguez Hills. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22c. Mayor Armstrong also requested that staff investigate the feasibility of signing the cablecast presentations of the City Council meetings for the hearing impaired.

The Council now returned to --

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Armstrong read the following statement into the record:

The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following:

City Council  
October 22, 1985

1. Possible litigation concerning the Park Del Amo Project and the deed to the Madrona Marsh. This closed session is being held pursuant to Section 54956.9(c) of the Government Code.
2. Pending litigation entitled: City of Torrance v. Torrance Unified School District, Case No. C561662, Los Angeles Superior Court. This closed session is being held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

The City Council will also recess to closed session to confer with its legal counsel concerning the sale or lease of certain land located at Earl and Spencer Streets and at 235th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. This closed session is being held pursuant to the authority contained in Section 54956.8 of the Government Code.

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 for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney regarding the following:

Possible litigation between the City and the FAA regarding airport matters. Said closed session is held pursuant to the authority of California Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1).

At 9:10 p.m., the City Council recessed to Executive Session, returning at 9:47 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session, and formal adjournment of the meeting was at 9:48 p.m. to October 29, 1985, 5:30 p.m.

# # # # #

Katy Seisser  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Arnold E. Nelson  
Clerk of the City of Torrance

Peggy Laverty  
Minute Secretary

City Council  
October 22, 1985