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Torrance City Council - August 16, 1988

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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 16, 1988, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Nakano, Walker and Wirth.

Absent: Mayor Geissert.

Also present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer, Deputy City Clerk Hong, and Staff representatives.

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NOTE: In the absence of Mayor Geissert, Mayor Pro Tem Walker conducted the meeting.

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It was with sadness that Mayor Pro Tem Walker announced the passing of Mr. Ted Donovan, former Personnel Director for the City. Mr. Walker directed that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Donovan.

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3. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION:

Planning Director David Ferren led in the salute to the flag.

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The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Jim Brewster, Alondra Park United Methodist Church.

4. 'APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MOTION RE FURTHER READING:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the City Council minutes of July 19, 1988, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on the agenda for this meeting, 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 Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

5. MOTION RE POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

6. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS:

City Manager Jackson announced that the first and third matters listed for executive session consideration [Agenda Item 23a] have been withdrawn -- these subjects encompassed salaries and personnel matters, and license agreement for Wickes Furniture and Home Club.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Transportation Committee
  - Monday, August 29, 1988 - 5:00 p.m.
  - Subject: Transit Issues
- Public Safety Committee
  - Wednesday, September 7, 1988 - 5:00 p.m.
  - Subject: City Towing Service

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. RETIREMENT PLAQUE/RESOLUTION - JESSIE PAULINE GREER:

RESOLUTION 88-206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING ACCOUNTANT  
JESSIE PAULINE GREER FOR HER THIRTY FOUR  
YEARS OF SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-206. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

In honor of her retirement, Mayor Pro Tem Walker presented the above resolution and a plaque to Ms. Greer in recognition of her thirty-four years of service to the City of Torrance.

8b. AWARD FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE - ELTON RUSSELL:

Mayor Pro Tem Walker presented a ring in recognition of thirty-five years of service to the City to Sewer Maintenance Crew Supervisor, Elton Russell.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS;

17a. COUNCIL OPPOSITION TO AB 3341; (FLOYD) COMPULSORY AND BINDING ARBITRATION:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council oppose AB 3341. It is further recommended that the City Council forward their opposition via letter to the Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to concur with the above stated recommendation on Agenda Item 17a. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, carried by way of the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Mock, Nakano and Mayor Pro Tem Walker.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Wirth.

ABSENT: Mayor Geissert.

17b. FINAL PAYMENT MONTGOMERY ENGINEERS, RESERVOIR PROJECT:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the increased costs of engineering services requested by James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Inc. be approved, and that the resolution be adopted authorizing such payment.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation [of the City Attorney/Water System Superintendent] on Agenda Item 17b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 88-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXTRA SERVICES TO THE JAMES M. MONTGOMERY CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION OF THE 18.7 MILLION GALLON WATER RESERVOIR PROJECT.  
CONTRACT NO. C-2500.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-207. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, was unanimously approved by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

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17c. RATIFICATION OF TORRANCE BEACH BOUNDARY AGREEMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RATIFYING SOUTH TORRANCE BEACH BOUNDARY AGREEMENT S.L.C. - B.L.A. NO. 256, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, AND CERTAIN UPLAND LANDOWNERS, WHICH SETS A PERMANENT BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC TIDELANDS AND PRIVATE UPLANDS AND ESTABLISHES A PUBLIC EASEMENT FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES ACROSS THE SANDY BEACH PORTION OF THE PRIVATELY OWNED UPLANDS AND LEASES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE THE AREA WITHIN ONE THOUSAND (1,000) FEET WATERWARD OF THE AGREED BOUNDARY LINE FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-205. This motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, carried unanimously by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

21. ADDENDUM MATTERS:

21a. PLANNED BUDGET CUTS - LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-208. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

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At 5:45 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. The meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Jackson paid tribute to Ted Donovan whose recent passing was announced by Mayor Pro Tem Walker earlier in the meeting [see Page 1]. Mr. Jackson recalled Mr. Donovan's service as the City's Personnel Director and also noted that he was one of the founders of the City's Credit Union.

22b. City Attorney Remelmeyer referenced written material [of record] in the hands of Councilmembers -- Subject: REVISED BALLOT MEASURE-MISDEMEANOR/INFRACTION PROVISIONS. Mr. Remelmeyer clarified the need for Council action to:

- (1) Determine by a two-thirds vote that the matter presented arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda for this meeting; and,
- (2) Adopt the resolution approving revised language of the ballot measure and reaffirming the provisions of Resolution No. 88-196 which was adopted August 2, 1988 calling the special election.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 (b) (2), that the Council consider this matter. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to make the corrections as recommended by the City Attorney in order to provide a more clarified ordinance on the ballot. This motion, seconded by Councilman Mock, was unanimously approved by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

RESOLUTION NO. 88-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE LANGUAGE ON A BALLOT MEASURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 1988 BALLOT REGARDING AN AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 727 AND 728 OF THE CHARTER.

MOTION: Councilman Nakano moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-209. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

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22c. Director of Transportation Horkay announced that the seventh annual Transportation Department Awards Ceremony will be held on August 17, 1988, at 2:00 p.m., at the City's Transit Facility.

22d. Councilman Applegate expressed his remembrances of Ted Donovan as a dedicated individual, who contributed to the strength of the Civil Service system in the City.

22e. Councilman Nakano noted his observation of an ultralight aircraft flying over the City of Torrance on Saturday, August 13th. Mr. Nakano requested that the Director of Transportation look into the matter of controlling and regulating ultralights, with a recommendation to be returned to the Council.

22f. Councilman Nakano noted, per a recent memorandum from the City Manager's office, that, although the question of the storage of hydrofluoric acid by the Mobil Oil refinery will be addressed in the forthcoming Gage-Babcock report, an analysis of the use of hydrofluoric acid vs. sulfuric acid will not. Grave concerns in this regard were voiced by Mr. Nakano, who urged that the City initiate a study with another firm covering the area of hydrofluoric vs. sulfuric acid use.

City Manager Jackson indicated that, with concurrence of the Council, staff will explore that concept and return with information [including cost estimates and who will be responsible for payment] for Council consideration.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to request staff to return with information concerning a consulting firm to conduct a separate study regarding hydrofluoric vs sulfuric acid. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Mock.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Applegate set forth areas of personal concern to him and requested that thorough and comprehensive information be returned to Council including: scope of the work to be performed by the consultant; alternatives available and the associated costs pertaining thereto; Mobil's approach in validating cost figures; where in the country the alternate processes are being used; etc.

Building and Safety Director Grippo indicated that a draft RFP could be submitted to Council as an informational item, with Council responses then to be incorporated in the final RFP.

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Councilwoman Hardison requested that staff provide the Council with the rationale supporting selection of a certain firm, their qualifications, credibility, etc.

Roll call vote on the above motion was unanimously favorable [Mayor Geissert absent].

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

23a. EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS:

Mayor Pro Tem Walker read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now recess to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney regarding the possible settlement of a claim filed against the City by Wen Shen Chang. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in Government Code Section 54956.9(c).

At 6:10 p.m., the Council recessed, followed at 6:23 p.m. by the above announced executive session. The Council returned at 6:25 p.m., to take the following action.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that he and the City Manager request that Council concur with the City Manager's recommendation in the claim filed by Wen Shen Chang.

Councilman Applegate SO MOVED; seconded by Councilwoman Hardison, and unanimously carried by roll call vote [Mayor Geissert absent].

24. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:26 p.m., this meeting of the City Council was formally adjourned to Tuesday, August 23, 1988, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment was dedicated to the memory of

Mr. Ted Donovan.

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