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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, June 17, 1980, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Geissert, Rossberg, Walker and Wilson. Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown and Mayor Armstrong.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

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In the absence of Mayor Armstrong, Councilman Wilson served as Mayor Pro Tem.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

Former Councilman George Surber led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Rabbi Eli Hecht, Chabad of South Bay, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Rossberg moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

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6. 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. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SIGHT DISTANCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD AND FALLENLEAF DRIVE.

Associate Traffic Engineer Glass provided the Staff presentation with comments directed to the newly evolved "Option F", recommended for approval by both Staff and the Traffic Commission.

Present on this matter were: Robin Edwards, Board of Directors, Country Hills Homeowners Association, who noted the lack of time for review of Option F by the Association; Dan Mircheff, 2947 Briarwood Drive, noted his communications, of record, and stated that Option F is not the primary preference of the Association but if selected by the Council, would request one additional step: consideration of removal of the 4 ft. median which would provide an additional 3 ft. for widening of the traffic lane -- another option would be reconstructing the 6 ft. wall back into the slope -- further, trees should not be planted at this intersection; and David Cornwell, general counsel for the Association, who noted that 35 MPH speed limit on Rolling Hills Road is not maintained as well as the critical need to remove the permanent obstructions that are impairing the line of sight.

Council discussion was directed to the input provided by the above speakers -- it was the consensus that there should be further review by Staff, accompanied by meetings with the homeowner representatives. A further factor was

the fact that only four Councilmembers were present at this meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved that Item 10a be held for three weeks, to be returned to the Council at that time, following Staff/homeowner review. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

Councilman Rossberg requested that there also be Staff input relative to the model sight ordinance provided by Mr. Mircheff.

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10b. RESOLUTION re: Dedication of portion of City-owned property - Madrona Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEDICATING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR STREET AND HIGHWAY PURPOSES, NAMELY, MADRONA AVENUE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-109. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong)

10c. RESOLUTION re: Agreement for Engineering Services - Victor Precinct Sump Elimination.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ROGOWAY/BORKOVETZ ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO DESIGN A STORM DRAIN IN SPENCER STREET BETWEEN HENRIETTA SUMP AND VICTOR PRECINCT SUMP AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-110. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. REALLOCATION OF STENOGRAPHER-CLERK TO SENIOR TYPIST
CLERK (POLICE DEPARTMENT - VICE AND NARCOTICS DIVISION).

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: That the position of Stenographer-Clerk in the Police Department Vice and Narcotics Division be reallocated to the classification of Senior Typist Clerk.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

15. HEARINGS:15a. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING on City Manager's Proposed
1980-81 Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson announced that this was the time and place for the First Public Hearing on the City Manager's Proposed 1980-81 Budget, which includes the planned use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson. Councilman Rossberg MOVED that it be received and filed; seconded by Councilman Rossberg; unanimously approved (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson then inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to continue the hearing to June 24, 1980. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong absent).

15b. ACQUISITION OF EMINENT DOMAIN OF U.S. STEEL'S WATER
RIGHTS.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, noting the request of California Water Service Company for a one-week postponement due to the fact that key personnel from the company will be out of town.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to continue the subject public hearing to June 24, 1980, at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

15c. CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY FRANCHISE.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, noting the need for five Councilmembers to be present,

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to continue the subject hearing to June 24, 1980, 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. TORRANCE MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NORTHEAST TORRANCE RESIDENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING CONGRESS AND THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE TORRANCE MAILING ADDRESSES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF NORTHEAST TORRANCE

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-111, His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Mr. William O'Brien, 17705 South Western Avenue, Royal Western Mobile Park, reported the keen desire of the mobile park residents for the requested change to Torrance mailing.

Roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution No. 80-111 was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

17b. ASSESSMENT TO MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOT OWNERS FOR MAINTENANCE OF ADJACENT PARKING SPACES IN THE PARKING DISTRICT FOR 1980-81.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That your Honorable Body approve the sixth year (FY 80-81) assessment of \$12,819 for maintenance of the parking

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district spaces in Meadow Park Redevelopment Project, and that the appropriate lot owners be billed.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Department of Transportation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Mr. David Pierson, 4 Lariat Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, owner of Lot 26, stated that he and some of his neighbors feel that the amount charged is excessive for the amount of maintenance received on this parking area. Reduction of his assigned parking spaces, outside bidding, or allowing property owners to have the work done were suggested as alternatives by Mr. Pierson.

Discussion of these recommendations following, it being noted that some of the subject parking spaces may be absorbed by the Skypark project, it being agreed to proceed this year on the established basis, with review prior to next year. Mr. Pierson expressed concurrence with next year consideration.

The motion to concur with the Staff recommendation was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCE.

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2962.

ORDINANCE NO. 2962

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN SUBLEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2962 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

20. ROUTINE MATTERS:

20a. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - Re; "Cooperatiye" Purchase Contract through State of California for new Ammunition with Olin Corporation. Anticipated Expenditure: \$10,899,72,

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:
That your Honorable Body approve the following:

- a. Reject all bids received by the City in response to our Bid B80-21; and
- b. Approve of an award of a contract to Olin Corporation, the low bidder of the State's bid, for the required ammunition in the total amount of \$10,899.72, including tax.

20b. EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body approve the purchase of Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance at a \$500,000 retention level and a \$2,000,000 limit of coverage and accept the bid of \$13,231.00 annually from Insurance Company of North America.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a and 20b. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong absent).

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At 6:27 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:28 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro reported on telephone conversation with Mayor Armstrong in Washington, D.C. regarding meeting with HUD officials this date. The Mayor deemed it a positive experience; additional meetings have been scheduled.

22b. At the request of Councilwoman Geissert, City Engineer Weaver provided an oral report pertaining to the situation which has developed because of the State Legislature's failure to adopt Emission Control Inspections mandated by the Federal Clean Air Act.

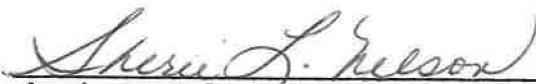
22c. Ms. Fay Cuttyback, 3002 Eldorado, inquired as to why the fountain was not operating. Recent vandalism directed at the fountain was described by Building and Safety Director McKinnon -- repairs, at a substantial cost, are now underway.

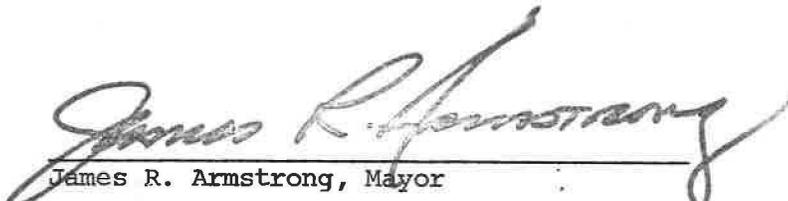
Councilman Walker requested that Staff investigate a more elaborate fountain system.

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At 6:40 P.M. Councilman Walker moved to adjourn to Wednesday, June 18, 1980, at 4:30 P.M. for Budget Workshop Session No. 2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong).

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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk


James R. Armstrong, Mayor

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