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Adjourned at 10:20 P.M. to Tuesday, July 8, 1980
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Ava Cripe
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, July 1, 1980, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Jerry Reynolds led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father McHugh, Nativity Catholic Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. 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. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE CAST OF "GUYS AND DOLLS".

A delightful musical presentation of well known melodies from "Guys and Dolls" was presented by its cast. Mayor Armstrong conveyed the appreciation of all present for this performance.

8b. PRESENTATION OF TORRANCE EXCHANGE STUDENTS TO KASHIWA, JAPAN.

Student introductions were made by Mayor Armstrong who extended, on behalf of the Council, best wishes on their visit to Kashiwa; departure date is Monday, July 7th.

8c. INTERVIEWS FOR VACANCY ON CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Present to make application was Mr. Antnony Thele. A unanimous ballot was cast for the appointment of Mr. Thele to the Civil Service Commission.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. SUNNYGLEN PARK COMPLETION.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR/PARK SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR: As all steps of the contract have been completed, and Sunnyglen Park is now in use by the general public, it is recommended that the City Council approve the final payment to Gaudenti & Sons Landscape Corporation, and to accept the park as completed.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Applegate pointed out the following items, which should be noted for the future: the configuration of the basketball court is very poor - it allows for a roller skate/skateboard use but does not allow for proper use of the basketball backboards and hoops; an ~~excessive~~ number of trees have been planted; and sidewalks have been set up for roller skating, jogging, etc. but the sidewalk texturing is such that it makes rollerskating very, very difficult.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. REVISION OF TORRANCE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN DESIGN FOR ENTRANCE TO AIRPORT FROM PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT COMMISSION: Ammendment of the Torrance Airport Master Plan Aeronautical Land Use Element by adoption of the alignment and concept of the Torrance Airport entrance shown on Attachment "A", of record.

LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM NOTE:

Approval of this change is necessary to finalize preliminary site plans and cost estimates in order to bring back to the Council alternatives for development of the commercial frontage along Pacific Coast Highway.

The Land Management Team still believes the yoked entrance is an inefficient use of valuable commercial frontage and that the open space and "window" to the Airport can be achieved without the yoke.

In addition, the Land Management Team has serious concerns about the financial implications of building a General Aviation Center which bridges Airport Drive (DOT Option (1), page 2, of record).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Department of Transportation and the Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Prior to roll call vote on the above motion, Councilwoman Geissert indicated her preference for Alternate #1; Councilman Rossberg likewise preferred Alternate #1, and offered the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the Council accept Alternate #1, with the widening of the lanes. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

At the request of Councilman Wilson, desired clarification regarding Alternate #1 was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay.

Roll call vote on the substitute motion to accept Alternate #1 was unanimously favorable.

10b. AWARD OF FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN ADDITIONAL TRANSIT BUSES FROM FLYER INDUSTRIES AS PREVIOUSLY BID.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:
That your Honorable Body:

1. Award a follow-on contract for seven additional buses to Flyer Industries with unit pricing based on the original amount in Bid B79-56 (plus incremental increases in costs of materials as quoted by

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Flyer Industries) to total \$893,178.80 for the seven units including applicable taxes and delivery costs.

2. Authorize charges of \$10,350 for the delivery of the original Torrance order for six buses.

Staff presentation was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay and department representatives.

It was the opinion of Councilmen Applegate and Rossberg that Staff should investigate the possibility of a 60 to 90 day option arrangement to determine the actual capabilities of the buses. This aspect of the matter will be explored by Staff; a report and update on the overall situation will be provided Council.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. DOWNTOWN TORRANCE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

The contents of the proposed ordinance were reviewed at length by the Council -- concerns were expressed regarding parking; HUD/SCAG/Housing Element aspects; needed alternatives; repeal of Downtown parking exemption; notification procedures; etc. Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to refer Item 12a. back to Staff for further review re: a zoning ordinance to create a zone category, holding the matter relating uniquely to Downtown Torrance -- specifically, deleting Sections 2 and 3 of the subject ordinance, coming back with a version of the ordinance that would be as written except for those sections; Sections 2 and 3 to be referred to Staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12b. CITIZEN PETITION REQUESTING MORATORIUM ON BUILDING IN R-P ZONE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the matter of setbacks in the R-P zone be referred to the Planning Commission for analysis and recommendation, and that the owner of the subject property be requested to process with the Planning Commission his suggested alternative requesting a waiver of side yard setbacks and inclusion of a 10-foot rear yard setback.

Desired clarification was provided by Planning Director Shartle.

Mr. Robert Miladinovich, owner of property in question at 22937 Arlington Avenue, confirmed his willingness to try to work this matter out with the Planning Department and Planning Commission.

Problems surrounding the Miladinovich property were reviewed by Mr. Tom Lunschen, 2218 West 229th Place.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Planning Director, expediting the matter of the Miladinovich property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Emergency Ordinance that would create a Precise Plan Overlay for the R-P zone, with the idea that it is an interim measure until such time as the Planning Commission has completed its deliberations regarding the R-P zone. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12c. CITIZEN PETITION REGARDING EXPANSION OF HILLSIDE OVERLAY ZONE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the matter of possible expansion of the hillside overlay district be referred to the Planning Commission for analysis and recommendations. It is recommended that the requested moratorium not be adopted, since the offending fence is already constructed and it is doubtful that the City has any powers at this time to require removal. It is, however, recommended that the matter of the fence's height and design be referred to the Planning Staff to meet with the opposing parties to determine if a satisfactory compromise can be reached whereby the fence could be lowered in height, thus reestablishing at least a portion of the view lost by the Aichroth family.

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Director Shartle.

Present on this matter were:

Mr. F. Stellis, 5440 Edgemere Drive, (location of the subject fence) reviewed the circumstances of the construction of the subject fence -- the need for privacy, animal nuisances, etc.

Mr. Wayne Aichroth, 20710 Wendy Drive, commented on the drastically detrimental impact of the Stellis' fence on his view and noted the petition presented suggesting an emergency moratorium and expansion of the Hillside Overlay Zone in the area north of the Torrance Drive-In Theatre.

The next speaker was Miss Stellis (daughter) who described the many problems involving the Aichroths, and reiterated their desire for privacy.

Speaking in support of referral to the Planning Commission were Al Tooker, 20744 Wendy Drive; Herbert Macy, 20703 Wendy Drive; and John Tullar, 21706 Wendy Drive.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved the matter of the extension of the Hillside Overlay zone be referred to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the expressed hope of the Council that appropriate Staff members meet with interested parties to try to effect some type of compromise regarding the fence in the interest of a "good neighbor policy".

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to refer to the City Attorney the evolvment of some type of interim "holding" thing (not a moratorium but perhaps a Precise Plan concept) for review by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The hour being 7:35 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning at 7:36 P.M. A 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Armstrong at this time.

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: Wages, Hours and Working Conditions.

See Page 9.

14b. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL - One Equipment Mechanic and Two Equipment Attendants.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That your Honorable Body approve the addition of one Equipment Mechanic and two Equipment Attendants to

enable the Transit Division to operate in a more efficient and productive manner.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated request of the Department of Transportation including appropriation of the necessary funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY FRANCHISE.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the request of the California Water Service Company for one week extension to July 8, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. CONTINUANCE OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIRPORT NOISE.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADMINISTRATOR/ AIRPORT MANAGER:

That Council adopt the subject Resolution and hold interviews to reappoint a Citizens Advisory Committee on Airport Noise.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Armstrong, concurred in by the Council, that, rather than holding interviews, only vacancies by those no longer wishing to serve on the Committee be filled.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONTINUING THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIRPORT NOISE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-127. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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20. ROUTINE MATTERS:20a. PURCHASE OF COIN COUNTER SORTER FOR CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM.

Re: Bid #B80-41 Total Expenditure: \$7,250.40
 Funding: SB 325 FY 1979-80 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by the Abbott Systems Company and award them the contract for the purchase of a Coin Counter Sorter in the total amount of \$7,250.40, including tax.

20b. AWARD OF SIX-MONTH CONTRACT FOR FINE PRINTING XEROGRAPHIC PAPER. Ref. Bid B80-40. Expenditure: \$50,831.31RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body award the following contracts (per material, of record):

- A. To the Butler Paper Company in the total amount of \$30,435.14 for bid items 12-16, 19-22 and 27-38.
- B. To the Kirk Paper Company in the total amount of \$4,613.01 for bid items 3-9, 17, and 23-26.
- C. To the LaSalle Paper Company in the total amount of \$15,783.16 for bid items 1-2, 10-11 and 18.

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Installation of Traffic Signals at Arlington Avenue and 231st Street (B80-45)RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the contract for this project be awarded to Sherwin Electric Service for \$27,800, and that all other bids be rejected.

20d. Withdrawn.

20e. PROPERTY/FIRE INSURANCE RENEWAL.

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RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body approve the expenditure of \$51,766.00 for the 1980-1981 installment of our present Aetna Insurance Company property insurance policy. Funds for this insurance have been included in the 1980-1981 Budget.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to approve Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a, 20b, 20c and 20e. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Applegate advised that he would be absent from the Council meeting of July 15th, and possibly July 22nd, and requested that pending urgent Council matters be held for his return if at all possible.

22b. Councilman Brown requested Staff input relative to recent small earthquakes in the area -- does it represent any reactivation of fault line along Pacific Coast Highway, etc.?

22c. It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that, as a matter of courtesy, all Councilmembers be notified by a Staff member when the meeting is reconvened following a recess.

22d. Councilman Rossberg noted the efforts of Purchasing Supervisor White in saving the City a substantial sum of money re: the purchase of diesel fuel, and requested appropriate recognition by the Council in this case and similar cases.

22e. Councilman Rossberg reviewed the ~~lack of communication~~ regarding Item 12c, Expansion of Hillside Overlay Zone -- the information regarding the existing fence and attendant problems not being available.

22f. Councilman Rossberg expressed his dissatisfaction with the agenda category labelled "ROUTINE ITEMS". Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that a more appropriate title would be "CONSENT CALENDAR".

22g. Councilman Rossberg recommended that there be some recognition for retiring Youth Council members -- this matter was referred to Staff for review and recommendation.

22h. Ms. Jeanne Fowler, 22555 Nadine Circle, reported substantial rent increases for tenants at this location. Past history and procedures in these matters were clarified by Mayor Armstrong with the direction that Sr. Administrative Assistant Rob Clark investigate this matter.

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At 8:20 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 10:15 P.M. to take the following action:

(Agenda Item 14a.)

RESOLUTION NO. 80-128

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. 79-132

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-128. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Agenda Item 14a)

RESOLUTION NO. 80-129

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 PARK AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1980 TO JULY 1, 1981

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-129. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Re: June 26, 1980 Accidental Rupture of 12" Water Main in Hospital Drive near Torrance Memorial Hospital: (Per July 1, 1980 memo from Water System Manager Borgwat, of record):

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of the Water System Manager: "Since the total cost of the City's efforts in this respect will exceed \$6,000, it is necessary that your Honorable Body approve payment of all related expenditures which need to be submitted as the City's claim to insurance firm(s) covering Millie and Severson, Inc." The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 10:20 P.M. Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, July 8, 1980, at 10:00 A.M. to consider the Torrance Police Facility (regular Council meeting to occur at 7:00 P.M. on that date). The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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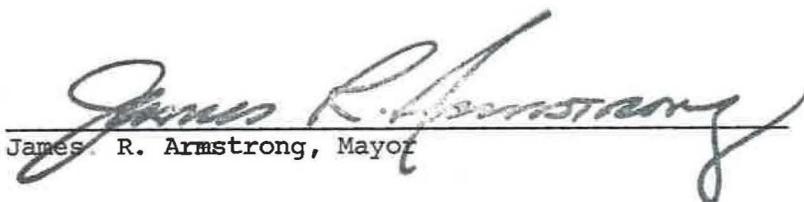
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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk



James R. Armstrong, Mayor