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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 1980, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: Councilmen Brown and Walker (both in attendance at National League of Cities meeting in Atlanta).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Police Captain Lanham led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Ms. Marilyn Marr, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brown, Walker).

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance:

December 10th at 5:00 P.M.

Considered by the Council at this time, out of order:

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL WORKSHOP RE: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

It was the consensus of the Council that this Workshop be scheduled for January 13, 1981 (normally a 7:00 P.M. meeting) at 5:30 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RECOGNITION OF DEL AMO BOMBERS.

Letters of Recognition were presented by Mayor Armstrong to members of the Del Amo Bombers team, Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Softball Champions, accompanied by the congratulations of the Council for their achievements.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. RESOLUTIONS re: Torrance Information Systems, Inc. Operational Matters.RESOLUTION NO. 80-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ELECTION OF GEORGEAN GRISWOLD TO MEMBERSHIP IN TORRANCE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC., A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-256. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brown, Walker absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 80-257

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TORRANCE INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-257. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Brown, Walker absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. APPROVAL OF FIRST 15 BUS SHELTER LOCATIONS.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENGINEERING, BUILDING AND SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS: That your Honorable Body approve the 15 bus shelter locations listed in Item 10a, of record.

Council discussion was directed to the change in management of the bus shelter company and the revised position relative to revenue -- it was the consensus of the Council that there should be further review of the matter, particularly in view of the fact that two Councilmen are not present. Approval of the sites was expressed.

Mr. Lee, president, American Bus Shelter Company, 1540 Miramar Drive, Fullerton, stated that he could not, in good conscience, recommend retention of the contract as previously written -- the experience of the company was outlined, and it was the opinion of Mr. Lee that it is "better to face up to the issue right now."

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to continue Item 10a for two weeks, with approval at this time of the sites as outlined by Staff. The motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brown, Walker).

10b. APPEAL OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION for installation of "No Stopping Anytime - Tow Away" signs on both sides of Hawthorne Boulevard between Sepulveda and Lomita Boulevards.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION/TRANSPORTATION, ENGINEERING AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS: That the appeal be denied and that the signs be installed.

Representing Gable House Bowl, Szechaun Restaurant, Tony's Liquor Store, Heigi's Video Store, and Tarbell Realty, Attorney Donald Kelly detailed the objections of his clients to the proposed signing and the resultant hardship to their businesses. Concurrence with a "No Parking" arrangement for two critical hours (4:00-600 P.M.) was indicated by Mr. Kelly.

Other speakers were:

Mr. John Cogan, operator of the Gable House Bowl: Some of the parking is to the rear, some 400 feet away, and invisible from the street. The extra lane is not needed during the off-traffic hours, per Mr. Cogan.

Mr. John MacCaulley, 23025 Samuel, member of Ad Hoc Committee: The appeal should be denied; Commission and Staff recommendations should be supported.

Mr. Lee Robinson, 3615 West 227th Place, chairman of Madison/Samuel Ad Hoc Committee: This Committee supports Staff's position that the restrictions be put in both north and south-bound; denial of the appeal was urged.

Mr. Thomas Hice, a merchant in the area, spoke in support of the appeal -- it was his opinion that "No Parking - 4:00 to 6:00 P.M." could be enforced.

Council discussion ensued. Of specific concern to Councilman Applegate were the future plans of the Department of Transportation as to parking on the balance of Hawthorne Boulevard, it being his recommendation that there be notification to tenants and property owners in the area between Lomita Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway as to future plans of the City. Councilman Rossberg indicated his preference for the two-hour parking restriction in the hope that it might provide the needed relief.

Councilwoman Geissert expressed regret at any action which might have a detrimental impact on businesses; however, the subject situation is a very, very unsafe one and inconsistent with the flow of traffic along Hawthorne Boulevard, and offered the following:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to DENY THE APPEAL, for the above stated reasons. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Discussion resumed. Councilman Applegate reviewed the apparent confusion beginning at the right hand turn lane at Hawthorne and Sepulveda and the merit of eliminating that lane.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate: That at this juncture the traffic lane be narrowed at Sepulveda Boulevard, rather than narrowing it at Lomita Boulevard further on down the line, or subsequently down at Pacific Coast Highway. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Walker.

The MAIN MOTION to DENY THE APPEAL carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Walker.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that his recommendation re: the Hawthorne/Sepulveda traffic lane be referred to the Department of Transportation for study and analysis; further, that Department's report include future planning and notification procedures re: on-street parking bans south of Lomita Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Wilson;
 Mayor Armstrong.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Walker.

Councilman Rossberg stated that his negative vote was for the reason that he would vigorously oppose on-street parking bans between Lomita Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway on the west side of the street (no objections re: east side of street).

Mayor Armstrong offered the expertise and experience of City Staff in assisting Mr. Kelly and his clients in the alleviation of their parking problems.

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14. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:14a. CLASS SPECIFICATION - MECHANIC/TITLE CHANGE OF EQUIPMENT
MECHANIC CLASSIFICATION TO SENIOR MECHANIC.RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

That your Honorable Body:

1. Review and adopt the class specification of Mechanic.
2. Approve the title change of the Equipment Mechanic classification to Senior Mechanic.

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

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk Babb assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 80-255

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 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 80-207

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-255; her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brown, Walker absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL WORKSHOP RE: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Heard earlier in the meeting - See Page 2.

17b. ORDINANCE re: Special Opportunity Purchases.ORDINANCE NO. 2987

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PURCHASING TO ALLOW SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY PURCHASES

Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve Ordinance No. 2987 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Brown, Walker).

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The hour being 6:55 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:56 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro noted the traditional Council "dark night" between Christmas and New Year's Day, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that December 30th be a "dark night". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22b. City Manager Ferraro introduced newly appointed Garage Superintendent Ralph Ishmael --a "welcome aboard" was extended by the Council.

22c. Councilman Rossberg commended Fire and Police Department efforts in the recent matter involving Cal's Stereo. Further, per Mr. Rossberg, the Torrance Police Department "looked very good" on television on December 1st, in the regrettable ~~incident~~ involving Brink's guard, Paul Martinez.

22d. Noted by Councilman Rossberg was the laudable write-up and front page picture of Mayor Armstrong in the "Government Executive." Councilman Wilson pointed out that the cover of this publication was with the compliments of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

22e. Appropriate recognition for John and Claire Crain, who have moved out of the City, was requested by Councilman Wilson -- their many years of dedicated service to the City were reviewed by Dr. Wilson.

22f. Mayor Armstrong reported on recent meeting with SCAG's Executive Director -- a productive, positive conference.

22g. Discussed by Mayor Armstrong was the recent tragedy in Long Beach involving the underground piping, and requested an update from Staff regarding the status of Torrance's underground pipes.

22h. Mayor Armstrong noted that he will be in attendance at the County Sanitation District meeting on December 3rd, reviewing alternatives for refuse disposal when the Palos Verdes landfill operation closes.

22i. Mr. Arthur Tripanier, Garage Division employee, stated that he was not notified regarding recent meetings pertaining to Garage operations. It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson "get a reading" as to procedures and controls in matters of this nature.

22j. Mrs. Georgean Griswold invited all present to the Historical Society Christmas Party on December 7th, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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Minute Secretary

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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk



Mayor of the City of Torrance