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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 16, 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. (It was necessary for Councilman Applegate to leave the meeting at 7:17 P.M.) Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Irene Griffith led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Ms. Phyllis Johnson, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Citizen Development:  
December 18, 1980 at 3:30 P.M.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. GRANT FROM THE MOBIL FOUNDATION, INC. TO ASSIST IN UNDERWRITING THE COST OF THE SUMMER MUSICAL "GUYS AND DOLLS"

A framed set of prints from the "Guys and Dolls" production was presented Mr. Bob Wood, Mobil Oil Corporation, by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council -- these prints are a token of appreciation for Mobil's generous support of this endeavor.

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Formal presentation of Resolution of Commendation No. 80-258, adopted December 9, 1980, honoring John and Claire Crain for their dedicated community service was presented by Mayor Armstrong, with grateful acceptance by Mr. and Mrs. Crain.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. RESOLUTION re: Contract with CALTRANS to Fund the Purchase of Two Dial-A-Lift Vans.RESOLUTION NO. 80-262

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO DIAL-A-LIFT VANS

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-262. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10b. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Vacation of Portions of 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard and northeast of A.T. & S.F. Right-of-Way.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 190TH STREET AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-263. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10c. TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON 235TH STREET NEAR JUNIPER AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Traffic Commission unanimously concurs with the Police Department and Department of Transportation recommendations that the requests for installation of traffic signals on 235th Street at either Elm or Juniper Avenues be DENIED.

The Citizens Ad Hoc Committee on Samuel/Madison Streets has no objections to the proposed signal at 235th and Juniper.

If your Honorable Body approves traffic signals on 235th Street near Juniper Avenue, then the Department of Transportation recommends:

1. That you reserve approval of the specific location near Juniper for further review of the Committee report, and
2. That you hold the funding question for the updated Action Plan.

Following Staff clarification, Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

The following speakers were present to urge installation of the traffic signals: Carol Hartwell, 2915 West 235th Street; Wendy Platt, 2526 West 235th Street; Terry Hayes, 2636 West

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235th Street; Bonnie Knight, 2912 West 234th Street; Dorinda Deck, 2709 West 235th Street; Carol Bayes, 2610 West 235th Street; Judy Armstrong, 2735 West 233rd Street, president, Hickory PTA; and Elaine Wagner, 3415 West 229th Place.

Following discussion, formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that the signal be placed at 235th and Juniper, subject to Staff recommendations #1 and #2, as above stated; further, this would include necessary red curbing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

It was the comment of Councilman Applegate that there is a need for signalization at many intersections in the City; hence his support of Staff recommendations. A SUBSTITUTE MOTION (later withdrawn) was offered by Councilman Applegate: That the Council concur with the recommendation of Staff for denial. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Council consideration was now directed to signal priorities, it ultimately being understood that Staff will return with an updated priority action plan. Councilman Applegate thereupon withdrew his Substitute Motion.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion was unanimously favorable.

10d. REPORT FROM CITIZENS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SAMUEL/MADISON STREETS.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:  
That your Honorable Body refer the report to Staff and the Planning and Traffic Commissions for their study, review and input back to Council at a later date.

It was the consensus of the Council that there should be further consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee regarding possible alternatives to the barricades. Mr. Charles Browning, 22931 Madison Street, Committee Chairman, indicated concurrence with this request.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that another meeting of the Citizens Ad Hoc Committee be scheduled, as above recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:11a. CITY TOWING AND STORAGE CONTRACT - Status Report.RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE:

That the City Council receive and file the report from the Police Department.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Chief of Police. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

## 14a. Request for renewal of contract for services of Claims Administration Systems of California for Workers' Compensation Program.

Withdrawn, at the request of the City Manager and the City Attorney. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

15. HEARINGS:15a. CUP 80-31 and TT 39975, WALTER JANOFF. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit and a Tentative Tract allowing a 10-unit rather than a 12-unit condominium project on property located at 3845 - 182nd Street. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND DENIAL OF THE APPEAL AND APPROVAL OF A 10-UNIT PROJECT WITH AN ALLEY.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Associate Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

The proponent, Mr. Walter Janoff, 302 East Carson, Carson, was present to reaffirm his desire for a 12-unit condominium, to review access problems and the relationship of the alley. Mr. Janoff further commented on Condition #4 - "That there shall be 'NO STOPPING ANYTIME-TOW AWAY' restrictions on 182nd Street;", deeming this unfair to guests and tenants of the proposed complex

Architect Jack Chernoff, 5274 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, discussed the merits of the 12-unit project and the additional amenities which will result with such development.

Also present on this matter was Ms. Norma Heimerman, 3831 West 182nd Street, who pointed out existing parking problems in this area and her concerns regarding use of the alley.

It was clarified by Director of Transportation Horkay, at Councilman Brown's question, that Condition #4 re: NO STOPPING ANYTIME-TOW AWAY was a standard condition, putting developers on notice as to possible future needs.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion ensued; desired clarification was provided. The requirements of Condition #4 were of particular concern -- it was the recommendation of Councilman Brown that the condition be revised to state: "That the City reserves the right to impose 'NO STOPPING ANYTIME-TOW AWAY' restrictions on 182nd Street in the future."

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and Planning Commission - denial of the appeal and approval of a 10-unit project with an alley - with the wording of Condition #4 as above modified by Councilman Brown. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Councilwoman Geissert indicated her preference for a development with dedication of the alley but also some sort of ingress and egress off 182nd Street -- this would require redesign of the project. Mrs. Geissert then offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION that this matter be held, continuing the hearing, and ask that the developer come back with a substitute plan that would provide for that. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

~~Referral back to the Planning Commission~~ was suggested by Mr. Rossberg -- concurrence was expressed by Councilwoman Geissert and Councilman Walker, and the SUBSTITUTE MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

Councilman Applegate thereupon restated the motion, as follows: That Item 15a be referred back to the Planning Commission for restudy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Redevelopment Agency convened at 7:15 P.M. -- a 10-minute recess followed at 7:17 P.M. (Councilman Applegate left the meeting at this time.)

15b. V 80-4, RICHARD A. DEETER. Request for approval of a Variance to allow the retention of an undersized one-bedroom unit and to permit off-street parking in the side yard setback area on property located at 3239 West 190th Street. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DENIAL.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

The proponent, Mr. Richard Deeter, was present to review the substantial problems encountered by him, per communication of record, in the acquisition and maintenance of the subject property; Council approval was earnestly requested.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Brown moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of V 80-4, subject to Staff conditions, modifying Condition #2 to state: "That the City shall reserve the right to impose 'NO STOPPING ANYTIME-TOW AWAY' restrictions on 190th Street in the future." Further, that the Council concur with Findings #1 through #4 enumerated on Page 3 of Staff material (of record). The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 80-264

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE RETENTION OF AN UNDERSIZED ONE-BEDROOM UNIT AND OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE SIDE YARD SETBACK AREA AS APPLIED FOR BY RICHARD A. DEETER, CASE NO. V 80-4

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-264, with the above noted modification of Condition #2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. 13-ACRE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT - PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY -  
RE: AIRPORT MASTER PLAN.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the City proceed immediately with preliminary site development using Airport Funds, and that the Land Management Team prepare lease proposals for development of the site using development Option C.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

As an alternative action regarding funding of this project, your Honorable Body may wish to defer this item for further review and discussion during the Capital Improvement Workshop which has been scheduled for the January 13, 1981 Council meeting.

Staff presentation was provided by Assistant to the City Manager Payne.

Following discussion, Councilman Rossberg MOVED to concur with the alternative action recommended by the City Manager, and schedule this item for the January 13, 1981 Capital Improvement Workshop. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2988.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 37 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE P-U (PUBLIC USE) DISTRICT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2988 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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The request of City Clerk Nelson to schedule Commission interviews on January 13, 1981, at 7:00 P.M. was noted by Mayor Armstrong. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Brown requested Staff input re: A.B. 2804, the housing discrimination legislation.

22b. Councilman Rossberg reviewed the recent publicity and the December 16th memorandum, of record, from Finance Director Dundore regarding the costs of the September 22nd visit to Torrance by President Carter. It was the opinion of Councilman Rossberg that the Carter Campaign Committee should be appropriately billed for the substantial expenditures involved in the visit.

Following discussion, and clarification by Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that Staff be directed to explore reimbursement procedures in cases of this nature -- if reimbursement is possible, go ahead; if not, drop it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Rossberg, Wilson;  
Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (would be in bad taste;  
questions should have been raised  
in planning stages).  
Walker.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

22c. Councilman Walker requested a Staff report pertaining to Mandatory Item Pricing.

22d. Mayor Armstrong requested a full copy of the text of the statement of the South Coast Regional Coastal Commission re: changes that ought to be made in regard to housing restrictions and planning.

22e. Mr. George Ciampa, 3304 Whiffletree Lane, president, Country Hills Homeowners Association, requested permission to bring Santa Claus to de Portola Park by helicopter at a Christmas party planned for the neighborhood children.

Discussion ensued -- ordinance violations were pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeyer and Director of Transportation Horkay; further problems were described by Captain Lanham.

Alternative arrangements, including coordination with the Torrance Jaycees, were reviewed, in light of the fact that the Council could not approve the subject request.

22f. Mayor Armstrong noted the request of Water Commissioner Finston for an excused absence from the Commission meeting of December 18th. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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At 8:30 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 8:55 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney that the Council approve the proposed settlement in the case of James J. Andrews vs. the City of Torrance, with the City paying the amount of \$8,500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff regarding renegotiation of Airport lease (Casa da Vida) and for 90-day deferment in the matter of cost-of-living. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk

*James R. Armstrong*  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance