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

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1981, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Wilson arrived at 5:55 P.M. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Larry Gitschier led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Mayor Armstrong.

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

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right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Citizens Development:

January 21st, 4:00 P.M., at School District office.

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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP RE: CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED ACTION PLAN.

Formal presentations were made by City Manager Ferraro and Budget Officer Ng.

Council discussion ensued. Considerations were: Park and Recreation priorities; the proposed expanded public service area for the Library study; the need for Fire Station No. 6 and land acquisition pertaining thereto; Fire Station dishwashers; parking and lighting problems at Wilson Park; median landscaping; City land-banking, specifically as related to Fire Station requirements in the Del Amo area; etc.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Armstrong. Speakers were:

Mr. Jack Henz, 1511 Post Avenue, representing Downtown Project Area Committee: Requested that this matter be delayed in order that the Committee may have time to submit a list of priorities.

Mr. Lawrence Gitschier, Senior Citizens Council: Please have something for the senior citizens on Phase 4 for Wilson Park.

Ms. Pauline Greer, president, AFSCME, Local #1117: Expressed approval of the proposed upgrading of Yard facilities.

Ms. Mary Newell, 24707 Via Valmonte: Requested maintenance or removal of berm on Via Valmonte.

Ms. Georgean Griswold, chairman, Park and Recreation Commission: Priorities of the Commission are (1) health and safety and (2) rehabilitation of existing facilities. Ms. Griswold added the Commission's feeling that median landscaping should not necessarily fall under the Park and Recreation funding.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the following Schedule A items: 1,2,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 (noting that 12 is unbudgeted); and from Schedule B items 17(*Fire Station dishwashers -- see below) and 19 (Joslyn Center). The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

*Re: item 17, it was the recommendation of Councilwoman Geissert that, in view of the nature of this need, that funds come from elsewhere.

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

It was the direction of the Council that the following matters be returned to the Council as formal agenda items: Item 17 re: dishwasher appropriation; parking study re: Wilson Park; priorities re: Miramar Park with the County; study of policy regarding sideyards and maintenance; site acquisition for Fire Station #6; report re: alternative City-owned lands which might be swapped; funding alternatives for Fire Station #6, such as contributions by the shopping center.

It was specifically confirmed by Mayor Armstrong that the above action included the \$15,000.00 appropriation on needs for the remainder of the Fire Department operations, as recommended by the City Manager in the supplemental material.

Next considered by the Council was the proposed signal at 235th Street and Juniper -- the recommendation of the Director of Transportation that a decision in this matter be deferred until the Midyear Budget Review was noted.

Ms. Elaine Wagner, 3415 West 229th Place, reaffirmed the acute need for signalization at 235th and Juniper in behalf of the many school children crossing the street in that area.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation for deferment. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Re: Airport Master Plan (Page 107 of Staff material, of record):

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff for Option C with necessary provision of funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Ms. Kay White, president, League of Women Voters, reaffirmed their commitment to the primary criteria of safety and traffic control. (Formal statement, of record.)

Next to speak was Ms. Marjorie Feltraub, 2874 West 229th Street, who reported problems of frequent low-flying planes over her residence. This matter was referred to Staff for review.

Councilman Brown's motion for the adoption of Option C, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Rossberg,
Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (prefers Option D).

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The hour being 7:20 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS to various Commission vacancies.

Following interviews of applicants, Commission appointments, by unanimous ballot, were as follows:

Senior Citizens Council:
Aubrey "Doc" Gregg

Planning Commission:
John Bramhall
Velma Shelbourn
Dr. David Mars (term to expire 1/15/83)

Airport Commission:
John Blaisdell
John Dunbar

Civil Service Commission:
Charlotte Lobb
John Federle

Environmental Quality Commission:
Frances Limbird

Fine Arts Commission:
Jean Clawson
James Vogl

Library Commission:
Helen Rodgers
Mark Wirth
Mary Cooper
Warner Bergh

Park and Recreation Commission:
Cris Eliopoulos
Dee Hardison
Iris Jacobs

Torrance Disaster Council:
Richard Probart

Traffic Commission:
William Delaney
William Johnson

Water Commission:
Paul Burton
Bill Wright

Human Resources Commission:

Henry Kirk
Jack Henz

Congratulations were conveyed to the newly appointed Commissioners by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council, and appreciation expressed for the many fine applicants.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. RESOLUTION re: Renewal Contract for Services of Claims Administration Systems of California for Workers' Compensation Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS FOR CERTAIN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS OF THE STATE AS A RESULT OF INJURIES TO ITS EMPLOYEES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-4. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. RESOLUTION authorizing Fourth Amendment to Master Lease with La Casa de Vida.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN FOURTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE DATED DECEMBER 31, 1980, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LA CASA DE VIDA MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-5. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg,
Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown (for reasons of record).

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19. MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

- 19a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Minimum Wage Raise for Certain CETA Participants.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-6A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES FOR
OLDER WORKERS AND PREP PROGRAMS

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-6. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a.
- AWARD OF CONTRACT
- Purchase of 4", 6", 8" and 12" Ductile Iron Pipe and Miscellaneous Fittings (Ref. Bid No. B80-82) Expenditure: \$13,162.84

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING

SUPERVISOR/BUYER: That Council award a contract to Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company to furnish the required Ductile Pipe and Miscellaneous Fittings in the total amount of \$13,162.84, including tax.

- 20b.
- AWARD OF CONTRACTS
- Re: Purchase of Budgeted 1981 City Vehicles. Ref. Bid #B80-80 Expenditure: \$400,007.11

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council award the following contracts to the low responsible bidders for the purchase of required new City vehicles (per January 8, 1981 communication, of record):

1. Items 1, 2 and 9 be awarded to Martin Chevrolet in the total amount of \$78,566.35, including tax.
2. Items 3, 6 and 15 be awarded to Theodore Robins Ford of Costa Mesa in the total amount of \$52,523.00, including tax.
3. Items 4A, 7, 8, 11 and 12 be awarded to GMC Truck and Coach Division of Los Angeles in the total amount of \$177,167.34, including tax.
4. Items 10 and 14 be awarded to International Harvester of Los Angeles in the total amount of \$81,059.26, including tax.
5. Item 16 be awarded to Crenshaw Motors of Los Angeles in the total amount of \$10,691.16, including tax.
6. That all bid received for Bid Item 13 BE REJECTED and authorize Staff to proceed to negotiate a better price.

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- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Budgeted Police Black-and-White Units - Re: Cooperative Purchase with Los Angeles County to Maurice Sopp Chevrolet.
Expenditure: \$94,962.42

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:
That Council authorize the City of Torrance to participate with Los Angeles County on this contract award by authorizing the award of a "participating contract" with Los Angeles County to the Maurice Sopp Chevrolet dealership for the eleven (11) Torrance required units, in the total amount of \$94,962.42, including tax.

Prior to taking action on the above items, Councilman Applegate indicated his concerns regarding the need for preference for local dealers (Items 20b and 20c); response was provided by Purchasing Supervisor White. A written report will be formulated, incorporating input from the City Attorney as to the legal point of view.

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

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The hour being 8:45 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:47 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert reported on citizen interest in self defense classes for women and requests Staff feedback regarding same.

22b. Mayor Armstrong announced that he will be participating in a forum to discuss current and future concerns regarding transportation, waste disposal, housing, etc. -- this conference scheduled for January 15th at the Cal State Dominguez Hills campus.

22c. Mayor Armstrong regretfully announced the passing of Elyse Aehle, long associated with music programs in the City of Torrance, and directed that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

22d. Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, advised the Council regarding current proposed self defense classes and the efforts of the Madrona Homeowners Association in forming such a class.

22e. Mrs. Georgean Griswold, president, Rose Float Association, expressed her appreciation to the Custodial Department for retrieving her \$350 camera, inadvertently left on the curb in the midst of Rose Float activities, and holding it safely for her return.

22f. Mr. Leonard Swanson, 1924 West 235th Street, reported on his continuing problems with a parkway tree -- Mayor Armstrong stated that he would give this matter his personal attention.

At 8:55 P.M. the meeting was regularly adjourned in memory of Ms. Elyse Aehle.

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Sherie L. Nelson

Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk

James R. Armstrong

Mayor of the City of Torrance