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Minute Secretary

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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, January 20, 1981, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at 5:40 P.M. Absent: Councilman Brown.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Sr. Administrative Assistant Elaine Winer led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father Bruce Natsuhara, Nativity Catholic Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of December 9, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Brown absent).

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6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Brown absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Citizen Development:

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

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 8a. RESOLUTION congratulating Riviera United Methodist Church on their 25th Anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE RIVIERA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON THEIR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-7. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Brown absent).

8b. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE OF JANET PRYOR.

A plaque conveying the City's appreciation to former Planning Commissioner Janet Pryor was presented to her by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council. There was gracious, grateful acceptance by Mrs. Pryor.

- 8c. RESOLUTION re: Support in the matter of the solution of the murder of Laura Jeanne Lesinski.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OFFICIALLY SUPPORTING THE EFFORT TO RAISE A REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF LAURA JEANNE LESINSKI

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-8. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Brown).

- 8d. PROCLAMATION - A DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES.- January 20, 1981.

Joyously proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

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It was the request of Mrs. Eva Bisou that this momentous day be honored by way of the display of 52 flags and yellow ribbons until the hostages are safely on American soil. Mrs. Bisou then presented a corsage to Councilwoman Geissert and boutonnières to each of the Councilmen in honor of this occasion.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

- 9a. DONATION TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION BY MR. AND MRS. GUILFORD GLAZER:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION/LIBRARY STAFF:

That your Honorable Body accept Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Glazer's generous donation to the Torrance Public Library in the amount of \$2,000 and that their check be deposited in the Library Trust Fund.

Formal presentation of the check was made by Library Commission Chairman Nancy Stephenson, with grateful acceptance by Mayor Armstrong.

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

9b. LIBRARY'S MICROFILM CATALOG.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That your Honorable Body award the subject two-year contract to Brodart, Inc. for:

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	1st year	2nd year
• Production of the microfiche catalog	\$18,519	\$19,569
• Conversion of the catalog to MARC format	8,500	
• Provision of a microcomputer for data input in MARC format	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total contract expenditure	\$30,019	\$22,569
Additional recommended expenditure:		
twenty-five microfiche readers @ \$200 each	5,000	
twenty-five microfiche binders	<u>650</u>	<u> </u>
Total contract & equipment expenditure	\$35,669	\$22,569

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Librarian, with approval of necessary appropriations. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brown).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. RESOLUTION re: Execution of Federal-Aid-Urban Supplemental Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL-AID-URBAN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPING PROJECTS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-9. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12a. RESOLUTION re: Contracts with Ultrasystems, Inc. for EIRs.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ULTRASYSTEMS, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-10. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

12b. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKABLE HOUSING STRATEGY
GENERAL PLAN REVISION PROJECT (HOUSING ELEMENT)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City approve the above program to revise the Housing Element and direct Staff to proceed in the manner outlined in communication of January 15, 1981 (of record).

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Director Shartle and Planning Associate Bihn.

Council discussion ensued. It was the request of Councilman Applegate that any references to low and moderate income housing be prominently identified in the material, along with Staff recommendations as to possible alternate language. The need for direct input to SCAG, via Staff representation on the Technical Advisory Committee, was recommended by Councilwoman Geissert. It was also the request of Mrs. Geissert that Information Item E, outlining problems and progress to date through February 1981, be returned as a regular agenda item; further, per Mrs. Geissert, there should be an informative presentation to the Planning Commission regarding housing-related actions the Council has been involved in during the past year.

Continuing, Councilman Rossberg protested the use of out-of-date census figures in the formulation of these guidelines, and reaffirmed his keen interest in what is planned for senior citizens and the handicapped, along with protection for local control.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATIONS to the Public Employees' Retirement System Contract.RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL SERVICES:

That your Honorable Body not modify the City's PERS contract to provide Captain Miles' requested retirement allowance adjustment.

Retired Police Captain Joe Miles reaffirmed his previous request for a raise for retired employees, noting the acute need for adjustment in view of the ever rising cost of living.

Following discussion, and Staff input and clarification, formal action was as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg,
Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the matter of increases in compensation for retirees be referred via the City Manager's office to the respective employee organizations as a matter of discussion by the individual groups. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

15. HEARINGS:15a. CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY - 1911 ACT.

Affidavits of Posting and Mailing were presented by City Clerk Nelson, and they were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing re: Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act), City Projects 81-1 through 7, Construction of Improvements at various locations.

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Acting City Engineer Bourbonnais affirmed that notices were mailed and posted, and that no written protests were received.

Mayor Armstrong then inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

(Each of the following speakers was duly sworn in by City Clerk Nelson.)

Mr. Donald J. Zola, 15915 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, owner of property outlined on Sheet #11: Development is proposed in the near future, and development may very well require removal of a portion of the sidewalk now required. It was Mr. Zola's request that action be delayed for six months.

Ms. Emily Atkins, 2004 West 233rd Street (Sheet #9): Ivy has been removed by them, at a cost of \$275, and grass has been planted in the area, failing to receive a response from the Engineering Department regarding any possible sidewalk plans.

Mr. Jim Collis, president, Chacksfield Merit Homes, (Lot #6, Sheet #9): The property listed is one of six lots within an approved subdivision -- construction will proceed sometime this year, and deletion of Lot #6 was requested.

Mr. Bob Conselman, owner of Ocean Avenue property (Sheet #7): Will welcome the sidewalk but desires to retain two large Acacia trees. Hazardous conditions surrounding a water main in this vicinity were also pointed out by Mr. Conselman. Staff will check this out.

Mr. George Redding, 2031 West 233rd Street: Is opposed to the dedication of 2 ft. of property. Mr. Redding also related water drainage problems experienced by him. Engineering Staff will pursue this matter.

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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with Staff to proceed with the subject construction, holding in abeyance the above mentioned properties for Staff investigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

- 15b. ZC 80-9, KASSARDJIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.
 Request for approval of a Change of Zone from R-1
 to P-1 at 20117 Hawthorne Boulevard. PLANNING
 COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THIS REQUEST.
 PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Tony Martineau, 711 North Juanita, Redondo Beach, reviewed the Planning Commission deliberations in this matter (of record) -- hopefully, the problems have been resolved in that a formal plan has now been prepared, and a number of meetings have been held with the homeowners in the area. Desired clarification was provided the Council by Mr. Martineau.

Councilman Applegate expressed his concerns regarding ingress and egress off Hawthorne Boulevard and resultant impact on traffic flow; the likely need to vacate a City street; the encroachment into an existing residential neighborhood; etc.

Mr. Gary Colbert, 20111 Hawthorne Boulevard, adjacent to the subject property, stated that, following meetings with the proponents, all problems have been resolved, desired concessions have been made -- it is virtually the unanimous feeling of the residents that the proposed development would be beneficial to the neighborhood.

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 Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

It was the opinion of Councilwoman Geissert that if there is a decision to have commercial encroachment upon residential uses, it should be an overall decision involving the entire block. Accordingly:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for DENIAL of ZC 80-9. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial (Absent: Councilman Brown).

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

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S OFFICIAL AUDIT OPINION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1980.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That, by motion, your Honorable Body acknowledge acceptance of the Finance Director's Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Official Audit Opinion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1980.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Mayor Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Storm Drain in Intersection of Plaza Del Amo, Washington Avenue and Arlington Avenue.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to the low bidder, S and S Construction, and all other bids be rejected.

20b. APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT for Heating and Air Conditioning and Electrical Work for Fire Station No. 1.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the work as being complete and that you approve final payment in accordance with the terms of the contract or purchase order, and that a Notice of Completion be filed with the Los Angeles County Recorder's office.

20c. PARTIAL RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION DEPOSITS - Tract No. 36411 - Camino Gardens (Pete Pozzuoli)RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That \$7,650 of the cash deposit be released.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a, 20b and 20c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

21a. RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION - Mrs. Betty Schapira;
Mrs. Mary Jewell Mayes,

RESOLUTION NO. 81-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING
MRS. BETTY SCHAPIRA UPON HER SELECTION BY
THE TORRANCE LIONS CLUB AS CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No.
81-11. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll
call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 81-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING
MRS. MARY JEWELL MAYES UPON HER SELECTION
BY THE NORTH TORRANCE LIONS CLUB AS CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No.
81-12. His motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously
approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brown absent).

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The hour being 7:30 P.M., the Council recessed and
reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda
at 7:31 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro ^{reviewed} this auspicious date -- the Inauguration
of President Reagan, the 40th President of the United States; and
the release of the American hostages in Iran. The Council unani-
mously concurred in the significance of January 20, 1981.

22b. Councilman Rossberg requested Staff investigation re: trees
along the walkway at Torrance Memorial Hospital which appear to
be a hazardous arrangement.

22c. Staff investigation re: further possible hazards represented by closed, locked double doors at restaurants was requested by Councilman Rossberg.

22d. Councilman Wilson urged attendance at the next general meeting of the Independent Cities Association in Glendale on January 29th.

22e. Mayor Armstrong advised that Assemblywoman Ryan has introduced legislation to take housing out of the Coastal Act -- Staff recommendations as to how to best support this legislation was requested by the Mayor.

22f. Mayor Armstrong reviewed upcoming considerations re: Madrona Marsh, and requested Staff input re: maintenance costs, possible conditions to be imposed on the developer, and use of State money allocated to the project.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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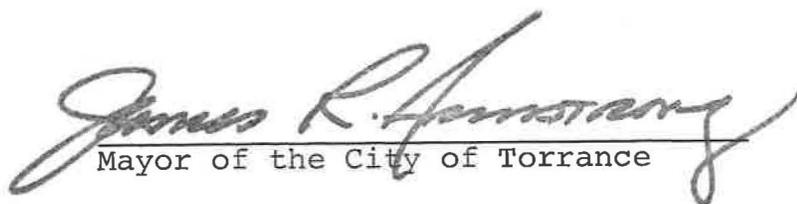
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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk



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