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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 27, 1981, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: Councilman Brown.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Planning Commissioner Bill Uerkwitz led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

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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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brown).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong conveyed the condolences of the Council to City employees Marge Hudgins, Anne Moore and Dorothy O'Brien on the loss of their husbands.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

(Considered first, out of order:)

8c. INTRODUCTION OF CANINE UNIT AND TRAINERS.

Police Chief Nash, Captain Weyant, and Lieutenant Marsden made formal presentations relative to the new Canine Unit and their Officer/Trainers who were in attendance for personal introduction.

8a. APPOINTMENT OF 1980-81 YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Newly appointed Youth Council members Kevin Croft (Bishop Montgomery High School) and Laura Schlee (North Torrance High School) were duly sworn in by City Clerk Nelson.

Mayor Armstrong extended the congratulations of the Council to these young people and wished them a successful term of office.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "Groundhog Day" - February 2, 1981.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. REVISED INTERIM MASTER PLAN FOR THE EAST END OF COLUMBIA PARK.RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Approval of the revised interim Master Plan for the east end of Columbia Park and the authorization for the architect to prepare the construction plans and necessary documents to go to bid.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Park and Recreation Department. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. ORDINANCE re: Speed Limit on Cabrillo Avenue.ORDINANCE NO. 2989

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.1 AND 61.10.2 OF ARTICLE 10 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TWENTY-FIVE AND THIRTY MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT FOR STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2989 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brown absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Wages, Hours and Working Conditions.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a.
- SURPLUS CITY LAND
- 4.5 Acre Parcel South of Plaza Del Amo and West of Western Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the City Council declare the subject property surplus and direct the Land Management Team to explore methods of sale of the property.

Council discussion ensued. Considered were the need for further input via a comprehensive plan of all surplus City land; needs of adjacent property owners, etc.

Mr. Don Raefer, 2922 West 227th Street, representing ACT, stated their feeling that it is premature to declare this land surplus, especially when a comprehensive housing plan for the City has not been adopted -- it was his recommendation that this matter be held in abeyance.

It was the comment of Councilman Rossberg that he would not want an affirmative vote on this item to in any way imply approval of the Plaza Del Amo conversion or that they would be the only people involved in the use of this land. On that basis, Councilman Rossberg MOVED TO CONCUR WITH STAFF. It was affirmed by the Mayor that in agreeing with Staff that no one makes any commitment to any particular client or program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, with the comment that this action only gives Staff the "go ahead" to investigate the matter, with many other considerations yet to be resolved. The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a.
- NOTICE OF COMPLETION
- Improvement of Cabrillo Avenue from 233rd Street to South City Boundary (B80-48)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, FLEMING ENGINEERING.
2. That \$7,000 be appropriated from Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

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20b. AWARD OF ANNUAL FULL MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT TO
SERVE CITY ELEVATORS. Expenditure: \$6,152.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/
BUYER: That Council award Full Maintenance Annual Service Contract to the U.S. Elevator Company to cover our elevator maintenance service needs for this next twelve months in the total amount of \$6,152.00. This contract reflects an 8% increase over last year's contract.

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

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Mayor Armstrong noted the request of City Clerk Nelson that February 24, 1981, at 7:00 P.M. be set for interviews for the vacancy on the Fine Arts Commission. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro advised that the Local Coastal Commission had a recent hearing in Long Beach re: housing policies, minus any representation by other cities. It is his intent that there be Torrance representation at the next such meeting in order to affirm the position of the Council.

22b. Councilman Applegate commended the Water Commission's Annual Report. Mayor Armstrong joined in this praise.

22c. Councilman Applegate announced that Torrance's first Armed Forces 10K run will occur on May 16th at 8:00 A.M. -- all present were invited to participate.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert attended the Lions Club meeting where Mrs. Betty Schapira was named "Citizen of the Year" -- Mrs. Schapira related the Council's strong support for the handicapped.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert noted the forthcoming meeting of the League of California Cities Selection Committee, and requested Staff input re: potential appointees to the Transportation Committee and Air Quality Management District.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert reviewed the presentation made by City Manager Ferraro to the Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Housing, indicating her concerns regarding same in that Staff is moving too rapidly and bypassing Council direction. It was the request of

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Councilwoman Geissert that this matter be returned as an agenda item for discussion and direction. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22g. Councilman Rossberg expressed his pleasure with the fact that the American hostages are now safely home -- a pleasure concurred in by the Council.

22h. Mayor Armstrong requested Staff input re: long term capital needs, funding status, reserve strength, etc. of Water facilities. Also noted by the Mayor was his anticipated review of the Park and Recreation Department report on Madrona Marsh, along with the requested analysis re: Volunteer Support.

22i. Mrs. Georgean Griswold extended an invitation to all present to view the oil paintings of Presidents on display at the Historical Society Museum.

22j. Mr. Don Raefer, 2922 West 227th Street, representing ACT, requested that this organization be provided a progress report on Housing activities. Also noted by Mr. Raefer was the Chamber of Commerce's Crime Task Force; presentation at a Council meeting of its aims and goals was recommended.

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At 8:15 P.M. the Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency; this session included Executive Sessions for both bodies.

On their return at 9:21 P.M., Council action was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-13

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. 80-176

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-13. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

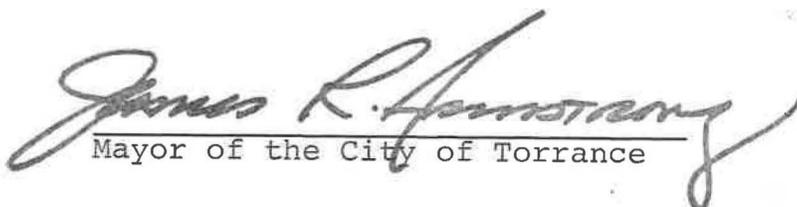
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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk



Mayor of the City of Torrance