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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 1981, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg and Wilson. Mayor Armstrong arrived at 6:25 P.M.
Absent: Councilman Walker.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

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In the absence of Mayor Armstrong, Mayor Pro Tem Geissert conducted the meeting until his arrival at 6:25 P.M.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

Manpower Administrative Analyst Pat Unangst led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Truman A. Barrett, First United Methodist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 1981 and February 3, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Walker, absent; and Councilman Brown abstained in that he was not present at the subject meetings).

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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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Walker absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Pre-Budget Workshop:
March 10th at 6:00 P.M.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RECOGNITION OF ROY PAYNE.

A plaque in recognition of departing Assistant to the City Manager Roy Payne's fourteen years of service to the City was presented him by Mayor Pro Tem Geissert, accompanied by the good wishes of the Council and all present. Roy expressed his gratitude and appreciation for his career with the City of Torrance.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "Energy Conservation Month" - March 1981.

So proclaimed by Mayor Pro Tem Geissert.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. "HUMAN RESOURCES DAY"RECOMMENDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION:

That your Honorable Body:

1. Approve the Human Resources Commission proposed program format to be held on Thursday, April 30, 1981.
2. Proclaim Thursday, April 30, 1981, as City of Torrance "Human Resources Day."

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Human Resources Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Walker absent).

Mayor Pro Tem Geissert thereupon proclaimed Thursday, April 30, 1981 at "Human Resources Day" -- there was grateful acceptance by Commission Chairman Dr. Henry Kirk.

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9b. VANDALISM TASK FORCE.RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL.

Vandalism will continue to cost tens of thousands of dollars annually in damage to property unless viable steps are taken to deal with this issue. With this in mind, the Torrance Youth Council asks Council consent and support in the formation of a Vandalism Task Force. We recommend that the Task Force be comprised of representatives from the Youth Council, Park and Recreation Commission, Human Resources Commission, Senior Citizens Council, and any other interested City Council or Commission member.

Youth Council Chairman Tom Roberts was present to elaborate on the proposed Vandalism Task Force and to request Council support of same.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Rossberg that the plans be discussed with the Police Department; Chief Nash indicated that the department would be happy to participate in the program and assist in whatever manner possible.

School participation and cooperation was also urged by Councilman Wilson. The increased defacing of school property since the realignment of the Bay League, with the four Torrance schools playing each other, was noted by Councilman Applegate.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Walker absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. RESOLUTION re: Execution of Federal-Aid-Urban Supplemental Agreements.RESOLUTION NO. 81-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF FEDERAL-AID-URBAN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF LOMITA BOULEVARD BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND GARNIER STREET AND FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF LOMITA BOULEVARD BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-27. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Mayor Armstrong had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Walker absent).

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to approve the appropriation of an additional \$69,370 in FAU funds for the project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Walker absent).

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12a. RESOLUTION authorizing application for funding under California Homeownership Assistance Program on behalf of the ECS Company.

See Page 6.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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- 14b. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION AND TITLE CHANGE FOR Transportation Administrator (Programs).

DIRECTOR OF RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/TRANSPORTATION:

1. Concur and adopt the revised class specification.
2. Adopt a change in the Transportation Administrator (Programs) title to "Transportation Administrator (Airport)".

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. Adopt a change in the Transportation Administrator (Programs) title to "Airport Manager".
2. Delete the "Distinguishing Characteristics" section of the revised specification.
3. Revise the experience section to read:
"Five years of progressively responsible experience in airport management or comparable experience in the aviation industry."

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

1. Concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission to adopt the revised class specification.
2. Adopt a change in the Transportation Administrator (Programs) title to "Airport Administrator".

Staff presentation was provided by Administrative Specialist Borik.

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Concurrence with the recommendation of the Airport Commission for the title "Airport Manager" was indicated by Councilman Rossberg who pointed out the meaning of job titles to the public -- "Airport Manager" most clearly denotes the position, in his opinion. Mr. Rossberg also recommended deletion of the "Distinguishing Characteristics" paragraph, preferring a positive approach to the negative overtones of this reference. Concurrence with these comments was expressed by Councilman Applegate.

Councilman Brown^{stated} that the title of "Transportation Administrator - Airport Manager" seemed most appropriate to him, with "Airport Manager" as the working title. Mr. Brown would not favor deletion of the "Distinguishing Characteristics" paragraph, although it might well be rewritten in a more positive vein.

Councilwoman Geissert likewise favored the title "Airport Manager" -- that is the title that will be used by the public.

Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson clarified the value of the negative aspect of the "Distinguishing Characteristics" paragraph as related to grievances, reclassifications, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission but that the parenthetical title be "Airport Manager", the intent being that "Airport Manager" would be the working job title -- also, to concur in adoption of the revised class specification, with the understanding that the negative provisions are not used in the advertising for the job but for internal purposes only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the request of Councilman Applegate that the job title "Purchasing Supervisor" be reviewed, it being his opinion that "Purchasing Agent" would be much more appropriate. Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that this is being explored at the present time.

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- 14c. RESOLUTION re: FY 1981 CETA Allocations and Sub-Contractors for Title II-B and State Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN SUBGRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1981 UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT OF 1978 FUNDED THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CETA OFFICE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-28. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Walker absent).

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Mayor Armstrong arrived at this point in the meeting, the hour being 6:25 P.M.

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The Council now returned to:

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12a. RESOLUTION authorizing application for funding under California Homeownership Assistance Program on behalf of the ECS Company. ;

Staff presentation, and desired clarification, were provided by Planning Associate Progen.

Mr. Joseph Brown, Jr., 17925 Santa Fe Avenue, Dominguez Hills, representing the ECS Company, indicated their willingness to cooperate if the City is interested in pursuing this matter -- they do not desire to be an advocate; this is a decision to be made by the City.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 81-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNER-SHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-29. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Jim McDaniel, 2623 West 230th Place, representing ACT, expressed their concerns that the proposed program has a "long string attached" which could be inclusionary zoning. Mr. McDaniel then outlined the complex ramifications surrounding inclusionary zoning, related legislation, guidelines, etc. It is the request of ACT that the Council reject the program and ask Staff to develop a resolution to State representatives asking them to introduce legislation to mitigate the inclusionary zoning issue.

Mrs. Kay White, League of Women Voters: The League encourages the City to take advantage of financial programs, through both the public and private sector, to retain and increase affordable housing stock (prepared statement, of record).

Roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 81-29 was as follows:

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

It was the request of Councilman Brown that the City Attorney, in conjunction with the Planning Department, prepare an analysis of exactly how Section 65302c applies to this application, but, more generally, what the responsibilities will be in September. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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Councilman Applegate stated, for the record, that he "is extremely bothered by the short notice that this item was put on the agenda and the fact that Councilman Walker had a pre-planned absence from the City"-- this, in his opinion, could have been brought to the Council at an earlier Council meeting.

It was the comment of Councilman Rossberg that the subject approach does not do anything to increase the number of units in the City; it, therefore, does not do anything to alleviate the "housing crisis". More input is needed regarding actual costs, occupants, etc.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:17a. ORDINANCE re: Exemption of Redevelopment Projects from Ordinance 2993.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Furnishing of 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and 3- $\frac{1}{2}$ " Budgeted Replacement Fire Hose.
(Ref. Bid No. B81-11) Expenditure: \$15,018.08RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council award this contract to the American Rubber Manufacturing Company for the required fire hose in the total amount of \$15,018.08, including tax.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of 1 Automated Refuse Collection Vehicle. Expenditure: \$74,730.00.
Funding: 1980-81 Revenue Sharing BudgetRECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council approve of the purchase of the second Automated Refuse Collection Unit from the Maxon Company for the NEGOTIATED amount of \$70,500.00, plus tax, (\$74,730.00 total) for the reasons that the unit is a proven one in Torrance; factory support is just across town; and spare parts, training and problem solving experience is well established and standardized from indoctrination associated from the first unit.

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of two Budgeted Refuse Trucks (Ref. Bid #B80-80) Expenditure: \$118,720.00RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council award a contract to the Maxon Company to furnish the two required International Truck/Maxon Refuse Body Units for the NEGOTIATED PRICE of \$56,000 each, plus tax, or \$118,720.00 total, including tax.

20d. AWARD OF CONTRACTS - For Budgeted Fine Printing and Xerographic Paper. Ref. Bid No. B80-83
Expenditure: \$51,818.68RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council award the following contracts in the amounts shown for the bid award items (of record) listed.

1. KIRK PAPER COMPANY, Los Angeles \$22,571.95
(Items 3-5; 30-38)
2. NATIONWIDE PAPER COMPANY, Los Angeles \$29,246.73
(Items 17-21; 23-29)

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a, 20b, 20c and 20d. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Walker).

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At 7:30 P.M. the Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency, recessing at 7:35 P.M. for a Joint Executive Session. On its return at 9:50 P.M., Council action was as follows:

14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendation re: settlement of claim with Mr. Austin Coray. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

Considered at this time:

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. ORDINANCE re: Exemption of Redevelopment Projects from Ordinance 2993.

ORDINANCE NO. 2995

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXEMPTING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHERE A DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED AND APPROVED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2993 PROHIBITING CONSTRUCTION OF CONDOMINIUMS, STOCK COOPERATIVES OR OTHER SIMILAR FORMS OF TENANT OWNERSHIP, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2995 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro reviewed recent memorandum sent to the Council regarding Madrona Marsh and the exploration of an option pertaining to housing, it being his request that the Council, minus any commitment, authorize him to negotiate viable alternatives related to housing -- particularly in view of the fact that open space dedications likely will be required of the overall development and that the developers will be paying a bedroom-type tax. In view of the fact that a substantial sum of monies will occur, it might be worthwhile, in Mr. Ferraro's opinion, at this stage of the game to explore the housing option.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Geissert expressed her concerns regarding such an undertaking -- there is an established Council policy regarding the Madrona Marsh land, and until there is direction otherwise in the General Plan where the Marsh area has been designated as public open space and a nature habitat, it should so remain. If it is intended to change that policy and amend the General Plan then there should be an advertised public hearing. Mrs. Geissert does not think that any other uses of the Marsh land for other purposes should be explored until that step is taken -- also of concern to her is the "negotiation" aspect of the matter; it was agreed that "exploratory discussions" would be more appropriate terminology.

It was the comment of Councilman Brown that he would concur with the City Manager proceeding on the "exploratory discussion" basis, noting that Mr. Ferraro is well aware of the political reality and the reservations members of the Council have expressed -- there should always be a discussion of options, although the Council may say "no" to all of them.

Mayor Armstrong noted that he has never had objections to any "explorations" pursued with intellectual honesty -- there is a need to discuss options in order to have a full array before the Council, this without commitment of any kind.

The Mayor reaffirmed his long standing support of the Marsh concept, and requested, in addition to the "exploratory discussions", a full analysis of the possibility of retiring the sump behind Ralph's Market and relocating that sump immediately adjacent to the wetland, and for some purposes retaining that open space area as a part of a water management study that could help solve the water problem and at the same time enhance the wetlands.

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Councilman Rossberg expressed favor with "exploratory discussions" with all interested parties -- why not have more options to choose from, so long as it is on an "exploratory discussion", not negotiation, basis.

Further noted by Councilwoman Geissert was the fact that development plans have already been filed with the Planning Department, preliminary staff work is being done -- she does not think the City Manager acts as the Council's agent; if he is instructed to explore alternative uses of the land, it appears to have the direction of the Council -- those discussions should go on during the public hearing process.

Councilman Applegate indicated concurrence with the "exploratory discussion" arrangement, as well as the recommendation of the Mayor relative to the sump. The sensitivity of the subject was acknowledged by Mr. Applegate, but it is desirable to have all options available.

It was stated by Councilman Wilson that the option now before the Council, even for exploration purposes, really destroys somewhat the integrity of what the Council majority voted for; it is not a proper procedure at this point, in the opinion of Dr. Wilson; he would agree with Councilwoman Geissert.

(Councilman Walker was absent.)

The majority consensus of the Council favoring the "exploratory discussions" was noted by Mayor Armstrong, with the further comment this should be a "data gathering" experience in that this will be a critical decision to be made by this Council -- for that reason, the Council ought to have all the facts, elements and possibilities that can be presented for their consideration.

City Manager Ferraro pledged to the Council that there is no commitment on the part of the City Council; it is purely exploration; progress reports will be provided.

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- 22b. City Manager Ferraro advised that this/the final Council meeting for departing Assistant to the City Manager Roy Payne, Ontario, Oregon's next City Manager -- congratulations and good wishes, concurred in by the Council, were extended by Mr. Ferraro.
- 22c. Councilman Applegate requested that the City Attorney prepare an emergency ordinance pertaining to Crenshaw Boulevard which would allow the Council to grant waivers to permit runs on Crenshaw between 190th Street and Torrance Boulevard. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
- 22d. Councilwoman Geissert referred communication from Torrance Mounted Posse regarding the use of Columbia Park for their rodeo on July 25th to Staff -- this will be returned as an agenda item.
- 22e. Councilman Rossberg commended the outstanding efforts of Councilman Applegate, as Major Gift Chairman of the YMCA, in breaking existing records and already well over the goal established by this organization.
- 22f. Mrs. Georgean Griswold requested further clarification regarding the earlier discussion pertaining to Madrona Marsh (Item 22a) -- this was provided by City Manager Ferraro.

At 10:25 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 10, 1981, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Walker absent).

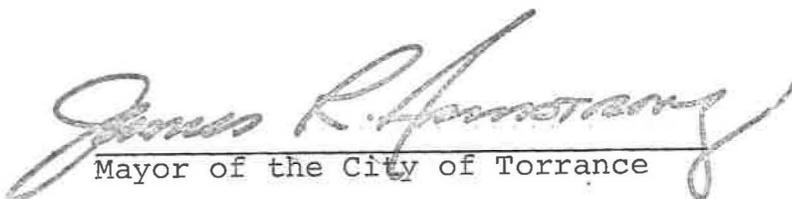
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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk



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