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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, March 10, 1981, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Brown arrived at 6:10 P.M.; Councilman Wilson, at 6:20 P.M. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Pat O'Cain led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Truman A. Barrett, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brown and Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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

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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 (Councilmen Brown and Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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Mayor Armstrong regretfully announced the passing of Mrs. Plummer White, widow of a pioneer newsman in the City of Torrance, and requested that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

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PRE-BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FISCAL YEAR 1981-82.

Formal presentation was provided by City Manager Ferraro.

Council discussion ensued. General comments encompassed recommendations, concerns, needs, and directives, as follows: Possible need for expansion of Police and Fire abilities in view of business expansion and the forthcoming mall; the need for evaluation of athletic field lighting; the "over" service currently provided by the Civic Center Library reference desk; the desire to see priorities and flexibilities in programs; the implementation of "sunset" programs where appropriate; approval of Park and Recreation Department cost-sharing programs; further research re: utilization of surplus land; the need to expedite signalization at certain intersections; the commendable job being done in the area of trash, street and sidewalk services; a recommended annual major trash pickup; a definition of "adequate level of service; the cost of the budget process; concern regarding continuing clerical personnel turnover; the need for reevaluation of Downtown Torrance projects, such as the Rehabilitation Loan Program; concerns re: impact of Federal cutbacks on transit operations; a recommendation that capital improvements be done now while monies are available; needed improvement of identification signs at entrances to the City; the need for cleanup in the Airport area south of Pacific Coast Highway; review of the original Joslyn Center concept; the importance of community communication; Staff investigation re: the capability of handling toxic waste and the status of water reserves in case of an emergency.

Announced by Mayor Armstrong at this time was the first Town Hall Meeting re: the Budget scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th, in the Council Chambers.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Pre-Budget Workshop:  
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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. "BUS OPERATOR OF THE YEAR" Award.

A plaque in recognition of the achievement of Mr. Danny Atherton being named "Bus Operator of the Year" was presented him by Mayor Armstrong, with the congratulations of the Council and all present.

8b. RECOGNITION OF RETIRED FIRE CAPTAIN JOHN S. HUGHES.

Held, for presentation at a later date.

8c. PROCLAMATION - "Employ the Older Worker Week" -  
March 8-14, 1981.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. RESOLUTION re: Application of 1980 State Grant Moneys  
for Columbia Park Project.RESOLUTION NO. 81-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION  
FOR 1980 STATE GRANT MONEYS FOR COLUMBIA  
PARK PROJECT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-30. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. ACTION PLAN.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That your Honorable Body approve the ACTION PLAN in principle.
2. That your Honorable Body appropriate \$12,000 in ATC funds; \$1,245,000 in Gas Tax Funds; and \$875,000 in Federal-Aid-Urban funds to the projects per page 4 of the ACTION PLAN (of record).

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3. That your Honorable Body instruct Staff to investigate the sale of the identified sump sites (of record).

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

The office of the City Manager recommends that the investigation of the sale of the sump sites be referred to the Land Management Team for review and recommendation.

Staff presentation was made by Acting City Engineer Bourbonnais.

Council comments were offered by:

Councilman Applegate: Recommended separation of nuisance water problems; does not favor widening of Torrance Boulevard to six lanes from Madrona to Maple (only Ocean to Madrona should be included); unfinished streets should be completed before directing attention to Anza Avenue between Sepulveda and Calle Mayor, and Anza Avenue between 190th Street and Del Amo Boulevard.

Councilman Rossberg: Interested in reductions in cost of median landscaping; questioned need for left turn lane at Rolling Hills Road off Crenshaw; opposed to bikeway on Pacific Coast Highway or like streets; no need for traffic signal at Pacific Coast Highway and Ocean Avenue; there should be high priorities for signals at the SCROC intersection, Lomita Boulevard at Madison and Hawthorne Boulevard at Skypark.

Councilwoman Geissert: Expressed concern re: open drainage ditches behind homes on 234th Street.

Speakers were:

Ms. Kathy Fennell, 4913 Louise Avenue: Reviewed the drainage problems at Calle Mayor and Carlow Road and the dangerous problem presented to school children crossing at this corner, and urged the installation of a storm drain at this location. (Mayor Armstrong noted that Staff has recommended this project go forward in 1981-82.)

Mr. C.K. Wendell, 18120 Amie Avenue: Reported on nuisance water problems in his area. (Acting City Engineer Bourbonnais noted that this area is considered a flooding problem and is Priority #6.) Also noted by Mr. Wendell were flooding problems in the vicinity of the black topped area by Southern California Edison company property; Staff will check into this. A lack of street lights was also pointed out by Mr. Wendell; this matter too will be checked out by Staff.

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Ms. Carrie Hayes, 2636-C West 235th Street: Requested signalization and a crosswalk at 235th and Juniper.

Mr. Alex Aryian, 1809 Reynosa Drive: Representing Kettler Knolls residents, described the drainage problems in the subject area (reaffirming presentation made last October) and noted that this area does not appear on the Action Plan. (Acting City Engineer Bourbonnais provided clarification re: priority arrangements for this location.) Mr. Aryian recommended reexamination of this particular situation in the interest of alleviating the problem as rapidly as possible.

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It was ascertained by Councilman Brown via City Attorney Remelmeyer that he should ABSTAIN on the Via El Chico storm drain item, in that his residence is on that street.

Formal action taken by the Council was as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Recommendations 1,2 and 3, as above stated by the Acting City Engineer, bifurcating the matter of the Via El Chico storm drain, and with recommended modifications. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the Via El Chico storm drain priority; the motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Councilman Brown ABSTAINING.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with recommended appropriations, per Page 4 of the Action Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager re: investigation of the sale of sump sites. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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10b. CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN IN SPENCER STREET -  
ELIMINATION OF VICTOR PRECINCT SUMP.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$450,000 be loaned from the Sewer Revolving Fund and \$250,000 loaned from the General Fund Reserve for Capital Improvements to the Drainage Improvement Fund and that \$700,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for the subject project.
2. That the low bidder, Steve Bubalo Construction Company, be awarded the construction contract for the subject project and that all other bids be rejected.
3. That the Victor Precinct Sump site be placed on the market for sale upon completion of the subject storm drain.
4. That proceeds of the sale be used to repay the loan from the Sewer Revolving Fund and the General Fund Reserve for Capital Improvements.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

That the sale of the sump be referred to the Land Management Team for immediate disposition.

Noted by Councilman Brown were reports of past problems with the subject contractor while on the El Nido Park job as related to damages to neighboring property. It was the recommendation of Councilman Applegate that the City look very closely at the completed project before release of the retention money; this was concurred in by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of the Acting City Engineer and the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10c. RESOLUTION re: Action Plan Implementation - Appropriations for Four Projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION  
AND PAYMENT OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS  
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF 235TH STREET AND  
JUNIPER AVENUE

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-31. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer and Director of Transportation that \$210,000 in Gas Tax Funds be appropriated to the referenced projects. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:20 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:21 P.M. A 10-minute recess followed.

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10d. LOAN OF FEDERAL-AID-URBAN FUNDS TO PRIVATE INDUSTRIES FOR PURCHASE OF VANS.

The request of the Garrett Corporation for a two-week continuance was noted. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

10e. AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL ALL-TORRANCE RALLY AND CONCURRENCE WITH SITE SELECTION.

RECOMMENDATION OF STREET DEPARTMENT:

That City Council concur with their selection of Del Amo Fashion Square as the Rally location, and authorize the Mayor to sign a "Hold Harmless" agreement for Del Amo Fashion Square.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10f. APPROVAL OF TWENTY-FIVE MINI-GRANTS FOR YOUTH GROUPS.RECOMMENDATION OF STREET DEPARTMENT:

That the City Council approve the mini-grant contract as to form and authorize the Mayor to sign each contract as it is awarded to the seventeen remaining clubs.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Street Department. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10g. DONATION FROM PIONEER PAPER FOR LITTER CONTROL GRANT ACTIVITIES.RECOMMENDATION OF STREET DEPARTMENT:

That your Honorable Body accept and appropriate the \$200 donation from Pioneer Paper.

Presentation of the check was made by Mr. Scott Mueller, Pioneer Paper Company, with grateful acceptance by Mayor Armstrong.

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. RESOLUTION re: Contract with Donald A. Cotton Associates for Preparation of an EIR for the Monterey Village Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-32

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 DONALD A COTTON ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-32. Her 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: Applegate, Brown (both for reasons of  
professional involvement).

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Considered together:

- 12b. WORKABLE HOUSING STRATEGY for the City of Torrance  
re: Cravens-El Prado Senior/Handicapped Housing  
Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

1. Continued vigorous pursuit of the "Bonus" Section 8 funds for project development through the available administrative appeal mechanisms at the Los Angeles Area Office (LAAO) of HUD, with an all-out lobbying effort involving legislators if it is necessary to appeal the LAAO decision to Washington.
2. Specifically reserve the Cravens-El Prado site for Bonus funding.
3. Continued efforts to combine senior and handicapped housing on the Cravens-El Prado site, if at all feasible.
4. Immediate action on the internal processes necessary to rezone the site, amend the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, initiate the environmental assessment, and prepare procedures to select a developer for the site.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

There is some speculation as to whether the "Bonus" Section 8 allocation will be released at all by the Reagan administration. SCAG staff has expressed concern that the funds will be cut, and no allocation will be received for this, or any other region.

- 12c. WORKABLE HOUSING STRATEGY for the City of Torrance  
re: Financing of Senior/Handicapped Housing through  
the State Rental Housing Construction Program.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

1. Make application for the State Rental Housing Construction Program (RHCP) for partial financing and rental subsidy of senior housing on a city-owned site, other than the Cravens-El Prado site, recognizing the option of amending the application to include housing on the Cravens-El Prado site if the "Bonus" Section 8 Funds are not received. The application process includes having selected a developer and a site for the project.
2. Direct Staff to begin explanation of available city-owned properties, and return to your Honorable Body within four weeks with site recommendations.
3. Direct Staff to put together a developer selection process, to be approved by Council, for the selection of a developer for the RHCP project.

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Staff presentation, and desired clarification, were provided by Community Development Programs Associate Phyllis Moore.

Following a lengthy discussion by the Council regarding the overall aspects of the proposed project and the City Manager's recommendations pertaining thereto, Mayor Armstrong invited comments from the audience.

Speakers were:

Ms. Olga Thorington, 1504 Madrid, Apt. 3: Requested, and received, clarification pertaining to the projections re: inclusion of United Cerebral Palsy/Spastic Children's Foundation units, noting as well the negative financial outlook for the future.

Ms. Pat Uerkwitz, 23136 Anza Avenue, representing ACT: Reaffirmed objections to inclusionary zoning and low and moderate income housing, and to a plan which now appears to assist developers. "The residents of Torrance are not being advised that this is just a replay of what we have been through, with the same ramifications, but those of us who are informed feel that it is just a cheap vehicle to come in through the back door, and we sincerely ask you not to consider it," per Ms. Uerkwitz.

Mr. Bob Fraser, 2325 Sonoma Street, Central Torrance Homeowners Association: Urged that necessary steps to establish Senior/Handicapped housing go forward as rapidly as possible.

Mr. William T. Bolte, 3455 Emerald Street, California Association of the Physically Handicapped: Elaborated on the critical need for housing for the handicapped who cannot meet present financial demands. Mr. Bolte urged that the Council fulfill its original commitment to "do it yourself" for the handicapped and the elderly from the General Fund.

Mr. Lawrence Gittschier, 1303 Acacia Avenue: Recommended that Torrance "stand on their own two feet and do it themselves," via revenue bonds.

Council discussion resumed. Considerations were: market rate housing; inclusionary housing aspects; certain ambiguities in material; the merits of "doing it yourself"; tenant selection; the making of application, followed by careful scrutiny of terms and conditions; the status of the Housing Element; the developer/site selection process; etc.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

Item 12b:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of the City Manager, modifying Item #2 to state: "To reserve the Cravens/El Prado site for Bonus Section 8 funding, if such funding is available, and to pursue other alternative funding mechanisms, if such funds are not available." The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilman Applegate stated that his "no" vote was for the reason that Items 1,2, and 3 are unnecessary items to be included in the recommendation; by combining them, we are being too restrictive -- the immediate action on the internal processing is a totally separate matter. Like chemicals -- separately they are not a problem, but once you start mixing them together, there are other implications and you are coming up with a new compound, per Mr. Applegate.

Item 12c.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of the City Manager on Item 12c. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to direct Staff to schedule a full presentation to the Council at a public meeting on the issues involved in abandoning all other devices and coming forward with City funds as subsidies - a "do it ourself" arrangement - encompassing the pros and cons of same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert, Rossberg,  
Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate (does not support the  
spirit in which motion was made).

Mayor Armstrong, in response to Councilman Applegate's comment, stated that the "do-it-yourself" process has repeatedly been suggested and is deserving of review; it is regrettable that Mr. Applegate takes exception to the spirit of the motion.

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13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

- 13a.
- EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
- adopting smokeproof enclosure requiremnts for buildings over three stories in height.

ORDINANCE NO. 2996

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING NEW FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2996 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Note: Correction on Page 2 of the ordinance - Section 3309 (h) 1) second paragraph - should state "...and draft control door having a 1-hour fire resistive rating..." (instead of 20 minute).)

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to instruct Staff to come forward with a proposed ordinance to deal with the issue of applying the smoke-tower requirements to existing structures within the City of Torrance, and that would include Staff recommendations as to a phasing program. Further, that Staff check with developers and provide estimates of costs involved for different types of structures as it relates to rehab buildings, etc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a.
- RESOLUTION
- re: Supplemental MOU - Torrance Library Employees Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-33

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 LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION 80-160

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-33. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. MIDYEAR BUDGET REVIEW.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

It is the recommendation of the Committee that your Honorable Body approve the following:

- A. Appropriation of the necessary funds from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies -
  - 1. \$3,000 for temporary help to alleviate the immediate problem of inadequate City-wide clerical support provided by Central Office Services resulting from phase-out of CETA personnel;
  - 2. \$20,000 for inadequate provision for employee physical examinations in the Personnel Services budget because of increased costs and higher number of service requirements; and
  - 3. \$1,500 for the purchase and installation of dishwashers for Fire Stations No. 2, 3, and 5.
- B. All accumulated net earnings in the Airport and Water System operations be retained for the purpose of financing capital improvement needs in those areas.
- C. The City Manager be directed to present the City Attorney's proposal for upgrading three clerical positions at an executive session and to receive instructions regarding meeting and conferring with the affected employee organizations.

Councilman Wilson reported on the findings of the Finance Committee, and offered a MOTION to concur with the Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17b. SURPLUS CITY-OWNED LAND - ARLINGTON AND DEL AMO,

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body concur with Options 2 and 3:

1. Sell Lot #26 to the highest bidder;
2. Negotiate sale of Lot #28 to the owner of Lot #29 subject to a lot split (into 3 lots).
3. Make both sales subject to deed restrictions similar to the "Palo Alto Deed Restriction to Control Resale of Affordable Housing."

Council discussion ensued, there being a negative response to the recommendation offered by Staff.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved NOT TO CONCUR with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Walker: That this matter come back to the Council with a recommendation regarding properties in the Del Amo area. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Rossberg, Walker,  
Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown; Mayor Armstrong.

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

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17d. PARADE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2997

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 37.2.16 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT THE CITY COUNCIL TO GRANT WAIVERS FOR RUNNING EVENTS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2997 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of a Mobile Air Supply/Lighting Unit - Truck Mounted (City to furnish truck).  
Ref. Bic #B81-15 Expenditure: \$39,834.80  
Funding: 1980-81 Federal Revenue Sharing Budget

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council authorize the purchase and award a contract for the American Bristol Unit as bid in the total amount of \$39,834.80, including tax.

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Rossberg noted letter of commendation for Sr. Administrative Assistant Elaine Winer from Dominguez College; the Department of Building and Safety from Grinnell Associate Builders; along with praise for Street Department personnel, Richard Garcia and Ralph Gibson.

There was added praise for Community Development Programs Associate Phyllis Moore for her outstanding presentation this date by Councilman Walker.

22b. Councilman Wilson requested Staff investigation re: tree root problems on Yukon Avenue.

22c. Mayor Armstrong requested an ordinance on the matter of illegal disposal of toxic waste.

22d. Mayor Armstrong directed that the request of Union Oil for an expansion of a gasoline line underneath a residential area be brought to the Council for final decision. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22e. Re: Madrona Marsh. Present to protest the discussion on March 3rd under Oral Communications and the request of the City Manager for "exploratory discussions" re: housing in the Marsh area at the Council meeting of March 3, 1981 were:

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Mrs. Kay White, president, League of Women Voters;  
Mr. Sam Suitt, 1745 Maple Avenue, Apt. 73;  
Mr. Bill Arasmith, 2019 West 231st Street;  
Mr. Jim Kelsey, president, Riviera Homeowners Ass'n.;  
Ms. Elizabeth Shaw, 24014 Janet Lane.

Mayor Armstrong responded to the foregoing comments and criticism, clarifying the creative roles of Staff and Council and the imperative need for extensive data and input in matters of this significance.

AGENDA ITEMS 14b. and 17c.

At 11:35 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 12:10 A.M. to take the following action:

Item 14b.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-34

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 CITY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 80-178

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-34. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Item 17c.

No action taken.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 12:15 A.M. in memory of Mrs. Plumma White.

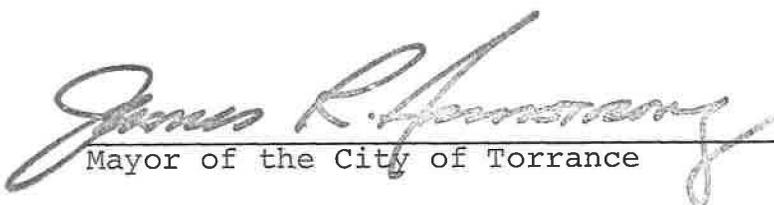
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Sherie L. Nelson, City Clerk

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Mrs. Kay White, president, League of Women Voters;  
Mr. Sam Suitt, 1745 Maple Avenue, Apt. 73;  
Mr. Bill Arasmith, 2019 West 231st Street;  
Mr. Jim Kelsey, president, Riviera Homeowners Ass'n.;  
Ms. Elizabeth Shaw, 24014 Janet Lane.

Mayor Armstrong responded to the foregoing comments and criticism, clarifying the creative roles of Staff and Council and the imperative need for extensive data and input in matters of this significance.

AGENDA ITEMS 14b. and 17c.

At 11:35 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 12:10 A.M. to take the following action:

Item 14b.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-34

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 CITY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION AMEND-  
 ING RESOLUTION NO. 80-178

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-34. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Item 17c.

No action taken.

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