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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, April 21, 1981, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Councilman Brown arrived at 5:40 P.M. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Fire Chief DeYoung led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend George Detor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of March 17, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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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 (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Planning:
April 27th at 5:00 P.M.

Citizen Development:
April 29th - 4:00 P.M.

Employee Relations:
April 30th - 5:00 P.M.

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Mayor Armstrong announced First Annual Torrance Recycling Rally and Festival on Saturday, April 25th -- everyone is invited to this grand rally, to be held in the Sears Del Amo parking lot.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION - "Public Schools Week" - April 20-26.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "National Secretaries Week" -
April 19-25.

8c. PROCLAMATION - "Bike Travel Week" - May 5-10.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

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10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. CITYWIDE TELEPHONE STUDY.RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

1. That Council accept the reports of record.
2. Authorize Staff to proceed to solicit "cost proposals" on an improved telephone system which meets the operational needs of the City as identified by both our contract consulting service and Pacific Telephone. Subject proposals would seek proposals from both private phone equipment companies and the public utility, Pacific Telephone Company.

Cost proposals solicited would be for:

- Rental Equipment
- Lease-Purchase Equipment
- Outright Purchase Equipment.

CITY MANAGER NOTE:

Since a new phone system (location) will require a new telephone number, there will be some costs for reprinting of City business cards, stationary, etc. With a substantial lead time before the changeover, reordering such supplies will be carefully watched so as to keep the impact to a minimum.

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

10b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Improvement of Madrona Avenue - Phase II (East Side from Torrance Boulevard to Carson Street).RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That your Honorable Body award the contract to the low bidder, Callex Paving Company, and that all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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10c. AMENDMENT OF PURCHASE ORDER FOR DESIGN OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY BIKEWAY.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That your Honorable Body approve amending the purchase order by \$2,187.32 of appropriated SB 821 Bikeway Grant Funds for design of Pacific Coast Highway Bikeway.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Municipal Code Section 22.4.1 allows the City Manager to purchase property or services in the open market of an estimated cost of less than \$5,000 without specific City Council approval.

If your Honorable Body approves this agenda item, it is recommended that the motion read:

To approve an amended purchase order contract with the consultant, JHK and Associates, for an amount not to exceed \$7,300.

Funding is available as indicated.

Councilman Rossberg indicated concern regarding this item as to the procedures followed in funding requests.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to adopt the Staff recommendation. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Discussion resumed regarding the \$4,999.99 figure, of concern to Councilman Rossberg. Clarification was provided by City Traffic Engineer Collins relative to the figure submitted, subsequent unexpected costs encountered, and Staff's original opinion that the cost would be substantially under \$5,000, an erroneous assumption.

It was the consensus of the Council that the matter had been in "bad taste." Mayor Armstrong requested that the City Manager provide an analysis of the process which allows this kind of thing to happen without some kind of better control.

Apart from the above, Councilman Brown stated that he has long been troubled with the notion of a bikeway along Pacific Coast Highway in that he cannot see where it is going to go. It was noted by Staff that a presentation re: the

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bikeway design will be made to Council next week. It was then Councilman Brown's recommendation that Item 10c be held for concurrent consideration with the bikeway design next week. Accordingly, the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Brown: To hold Item 10c for one week. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10d. RESOLUTION re: VACATION OF EASEMENT at the corner of 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Applegate announced that he would again ABSTAIN in this matter, for reasons previously stated, of record.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the matter of landscaping and the maintenance thereof as a condition of the vacation be referred to him for further study, should such a condition be desired by the Council.

Councilman Walker stated his opinion that Dr. Black has acted in good faith; it may be taken for granted that the subject property is a usable piece of property, and at the time of development of the property, it will be in a manner acceptable to the City, properly landscaped. In other locations throughout the City, per Mr. Walker, there have been no such conditions as those now suggested by the City Manager, and this is a poor place to start.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the Staff recommendation - "That the City Council approve and adopt the subject resolution summarily vacating the excess street right-of-way as described in said resolution." The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

City of Attorney Remelmeyer stated that the above action would present no legal problem.

Roll call vote on Councilman Walker's motion was unanimously favorable, with Councilman Applegate abstaining.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION
OF A PORTION OF 190TH STREET LOCATED

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EAST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND SOUTH-
WEST OF THE A.T. & S.F. RAILROAD RIGHT-
OF-WAY

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-55. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate ABSTAINED).

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 12a. ORDINANCE extending existing moratorium - Old Towne/
Best Plaza/K-Mart.

ORDINANCE NO. 3005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONTINUING IN EFFECT A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES AND THE GRADING OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN (OLD TOWNE MALL/K-MART/BEST PLAZA) AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3005 at its first and only reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. RESOLUTION re: Contract under Title VII of CETA with the Career Planning Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1981 UNDER TITLE VII PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVE PROGRAM (PSIP) OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT (CETA)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-56. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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15. HEARINGS.15a. ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION - Adoption of Construction Codes.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson. Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file same. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Staff presentation and desired clarification were provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon and Building Regulations Administrator Grippo. City Clerk Nelson confirmed that three copies of the Code are on file in her office.

Mayor Armstrong then inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Applegate moved to introduce and read the subject ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 3004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, CHAPTER 2, CHAPTER 3, CHAPTER 9 AND CHAPTER 10 OF DIVISION 8, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 1 (UNIFORM BUILDING CODE), CHAPTER 2 (NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE), CHAPTER 3 (UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE), CHAPTER 9 (UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE), AND CHAPTER 10 (UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS) WHICH ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 1979 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE WITH APPENDIX, AS AMENDED, THE 1979 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE STANDARDS, THE 1981 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 1979 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, THE 1979 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE AS AMENDED, AND THE 1979 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2996 RELATING TO SMOKEPROOF ENCLOSURES

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Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3004 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-57

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF UNIQUE GEOLOGIC, GEOGRAPHIC AND WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE CITY JUSTIFYING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the findings and for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-57. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15b. PP 80-45, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney White.

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15c. ORDINANCE re: Adoption of Uniform Fire Code.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson. Councilman Applegate moved to receive and file same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Staff presentation and desired clarification were provided by Fire Chief DeYoung, following which Mayor Armstrong inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Clerk Nelson confirmed that three copies of this Uniform Fire Code are on file in her office.

Councilman Walker moved to introduce and read the ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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ORDINANCE NO. 3000

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 8 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 8 WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE 1979 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE WITH APPENDIX AS AMENDED, THE 1979 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE STANDARDS AS AMENDED

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3000 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15b. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL of a Precise Plan to construct a second-story addition to an existing residence in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 5243 Doris Way (PP 80-45, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney White).

Proof 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, following Staff presentation by Planning Associate Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

Ms. Elizabeth Newman, 5251 Doris Way, stated that the slides are self-explanatory; the proposed addition would completely eliminate any view from her property. In concurrence with this speaker was Mr. Don Taylor, 5259 Doris Way.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for DENIAL of the appeal and for DENIAL of PP 80-45. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

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15d. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL of Conditional Use Permits to allow the conversion of three apartment buildings to condominium ownership in the R-3 zone at 23925 Ladeene Avenue (CUP 80-65, Capitol V, Inc.); 23930 Los Codona Avenue (CUP 80-66, Capitol VI, Inc.); and 23930 Ocean Avenue (CUP 80-57, Capitol V, Inc.)

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, following Staff presentation by Planning Associate Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

The proponent, Mr. Frank Torino, 24050 Madison Street, requested Council approval of the above stated requests, noting their present approval as Stock Co-ops by the Department of Real Estate -- the reason that condominiums are desired is that it provides a substantial reduction in financing, the price ranges being from \$65,000 for 1-bedroom units to \$82,000 for 3-bedroom units. Further, per Mr. Torino, relocation assistance will be under the present guidelines of the City of Torrance; the handicapped and over-62 tenants may remain as rental tenants as long as they desire.

Staff conditions were next reviewed by Mr. Torino, it being his recommendation that conditions #2 through #14 be eliminated from the Resolutions, and a new condition #2 be inserted which would state: "All conditions in adopted Ordinance No. 2931 shall be met."

Speaking in favor of the proposed conversion were: Leslie Smith, 23930 Ocean Avenue; Al Spano, 23930 Los Codona Avenue; Albert Blake, 23925 Ladeene Avenue; Tim Kopack, La Contessa Apartments; Dwayne Nesa, 23930 Ocean Avenue; Ms. Vicky Remus, 23930 Ocean Avenue; and Don Gaskell. The reasons expressed were as follows: it provides affordable housing; the Capitol people have demonstrated great fairness to the tenants; and it offers favorable condominium financing.

Opposed were: Mr. Don Murphy, 23920 Anza Avenue - this represents taking advantage of the tax laws, and rental housing is sorely needed in Torrance. Ms. Kay White, League of Women Voters - consideration should be given off-street parking and open space requirements, and conformance with City ordinances, in both the spirit and the letter, is important to orderly development -- these conversions meet neither the League's criteria nor standards set in City ordinances.

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Co-proponent, Mr. Bob Collins, 24050 Madison Street, stated that they are a stock co-op, but request Council approval of the condominium conversion, for reasons stated. The greatest amenity offered, per Mr. Collins, is the low sale price of the apartments.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Rossberg moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The "key," in the opinion of Councilman Rossberg, is the "affordable housing" aspect; also, some type of community ownership has already been established, and condominiums would be preferable.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to approve the condominium conversion concept, deleting conditions #2 through #14 with the conditions of Ordinance No. 2931 to prevail. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert that the Council was backed into approval of the ordinance by a set of circumstances involving the State Division of Real Estate -- Mrs. Geissert, in her own mind, cannot really believe that in 1979 because of the disparity in the density, open space and parking standards from those adopted by the City that this ever would have been approved as a condominium. While sympathetic to the financial issues involved, Mrs. Geissert cannot support the motion, and will stand by her original position -- that these are too far removed from the City's standards to support.

The precedent-setting aspects were of concern to Councilman Wilson.

Were this only a slight variation from the standards, in the opinion of Mayor Armstrong, he might be persuaded, but such is not the case in this consideration -- in the event of approval, perhaps the existing standards ought to be reviewed.

Councilman Rossberg's MOTION to approve the condominium conversion concept carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Rossberg,
Walker.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.

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At the request of Mayor Armstrong, City Clerk Nelson assigned numbers and read titles to the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 81-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONVERSION TO CONDOMINIUMS OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING WITH 105 UNITS IN THE C-2 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23925 LADEENE AVENUE
CUP 80-65 - CAPITOL V, INCORPORATED

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-58, with the following modifications:

That Conditions #2 through #14 be eliminated, substituting therefor a new Condition #2 stating: "The applicant shall comply with all provisions of Ordinance No. 2931;" a new Condition #3: "That the applicants shall comply with the provisions of the sale offering to existing tenants, dated April 21, 1981 (Exhibit A and attachment, a matter of record)."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONVERSION TO CONDOMINIUMS OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING WITH 148 UNITS IN THE R-3 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23930 OCEAN AVENUE - CUP 80-67, CAPITOL V, INCORPORATED

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-60, with the same modifications as noted in Resolution No. 81-58. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONVERSION TO CONDOMINIUMS OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING WITH 47 UNITS IN THE R-3 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23930 LOS CODONA AVENUE - CUP 80-66; CAPITOL VI, INCORPORATED

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-59, with the same modifications as noted in Resolution No. 81-58. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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15e. APPEAL regarding Denial of Disability Retirement for Police Officer Claud L. Fisher.

The requested two-week continuance was noted. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The hour being 7:15 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

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17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:
- 17a. DISCUSSION PAPER regarding the need for regulating item pricing of grocery items.

What Options Are Available

After reviewing and discussing this matter, your Honorable Body may wish to exercise one of the following three options:

Option 1 - Passage of City Ordinance Requiring Item Pricing

If your Honorable Body determines that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizenry that an ordinance be passed to regulate item pricing, it is suggested that the City Attorney be directed to draft an ordinance which would be specifically tailored to the needs and conditions as stipulated by the City Council and to submit it for consideration and adoption.

Option 2 - Passage of State Legislation Requiring Item Pricing

On December 2, 1980, Assemblyman Rosenthal reintroduced legislation, AB65, which would reinstate the expired State law requiring price marking on all grocery items. This legislation has just passed the Assembly's Consumer Protection and Toxic Waste Material Committee and is scheduled to reach the Assembly floor for discussion and voting on April 20, 1981. Judging from our discussion with representatives of both the Retail Clerks Union and the California Retailers Association who are monitoring this piece of legislation very closely in Sacramento, it is their collective judgment that this law will pass the Assembly but will encounter opposition in the State Senate. There are certain strong sentiments in the State Legislature that the control and enforcement of item pricing of goods should be left with local jurisdiction and not the State government.

Under this option, the City Council can pass a motion and direct the City's legislative liaison representative, Mr. Tom Rupert, to actively pursue this matter with the City's legislative representatives in Sacramento to work towards passage of this Bill.

Option 3 - No Council action -- Continue Monitoring

The third option is not to do anything at this time but to allow staff to continue monitoring the situation. This option may allow time and give an opportunity for the consumers and food retailers to decide this issue for themselves in a free market atmosphere without the need for local governmental regulations.

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CITY MANAGER'S SUMMARY

The office of the City Manager considers this issue as being a policy question and decision of the City Council as to when and to what degree a local jurisdiction should be involved in regulating the daily operations of the business community. Since the City has not received a great number of complaints regarding grocery item pricing, it is the judgment of the office of the City Manager that the City should refrain from doing anything at this time but continue to monitor the current situation.

RECOMMENDATION

The office of the City Manager is recommending that your Honorable Body consider and accept the third option which does not require any action of the Council at this time, but direct staff to continue to monitor the situation and inform the City Council on future developments.

Staff presentation was provided by Budget Officer Ng.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Armstrong.

Mr. Lawrence Gittschier, Senior Citizens Council, reaffirmed their desire for item pricing, and recommended Council approval of Option 3.

Also in favor of item pricing were: Harry Bell, 17033 Falda Avenue; Ms. Eva Bisou, P.O. Box 3644; Cliff Cathy, 2509 Eldorado Street; Bobby Amano, 3905 West 185th Street; Evelyn Quixie, 1839 San Ardo; and Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado.

Mr. Jan Charles Gray, representing the Southern California Grocers Association, reviewed the history of the scanner arrangement and the merits thereof.

It was the opinion of Councilman Applegate that the scanners are on the "new side," and there is need for a bit more "wait and see."

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager, accepting Option 3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Councilman Walker pointed out the economic difficulties faced by some Torrance residents -- he would not want to see an experimentation in this City, at the expense of these residents. A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Mr. Walker: That the Council concur with Option 1 - Passage of City Ordinance Requiring Item Pricing. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

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Council discussion resumed. There was further input and clarification by Mr. Gray. It was the recommendation of Councilwoman Geissert, and there were no objections, that a Citizen Group be formed to work with Staff and representatives of the grocery industry on this matter.

Ultimate Council action is reflected below:

Councilman Walker's SUBSTITUTE MOTION FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION, to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager for Option 3, CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that, after a reasonable period of time, the Council be provided some sort of evaluation from the Citizens' Group and grocery representatives as to recommendations evolved. A report to the Council on the structure of this group, prior to its formation, was requested by Councilman Brown.

17b. DEMOLISHING OF ATC BUILDING.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. That the buildings on the ATC lease be demolished; and
2. That the area be utilized for 17 aircraft tiedowns.
3. That the amount of \$24,500 be appropriated from Airport Revenues to cover the cost of demolition and paving for the tiedowns.

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

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

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18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES.18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3002.ORDINANCE NO. 3002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 2000 WEST 162ND STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 80-13, GARDENA VALLEY JAPANESE CULTURAL INSTITUTE

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3002 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 3003.ORDINANCE NO. 3003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 12.1.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE PLACE OF HOLDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3003 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18c. ORDINANCE NO. 3001.ORDINANCE NO. 3001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED PARKING FOR OFFICES, FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE STORES, AND BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOANS AND CREDIT UNIONS

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3001 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT to Furnish Traffic Signal and Lighting Poles. Ref. Bid No. B81-30
Expenditure: \$9,119.18

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council award a contract to furnish the four required traffic signal and lighting poles to the low responsible bidder, Pacific Union Metal (PUMCO), Long Beach, California, in the total amount of \$9,119.18, including tax.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACTS for Furnishing Miscellaneous Custodial Supplies. Ref. Bid No. B81-18
Expenditure: \$33,469.84, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council award contracts to the following vendors, in amounts shown (including tax) for the items as indicated (per material of record).

- 1. Recommend an award be made to the FIRST CO., of Los Angeles, Ca., for a six (6) month contract for Item Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 42, 44, 46, 48, 51 and 52, in the amount of \$11,226.03
- 2. Recommend an award be made to BALL INDUSTRIES, of Los Angeles, Ca., for a twelve (12) month contract for Item Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 18, 21, 22, 26, 28, 31, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 53 in the amount of \$5,952.00
- 3. Recommend an award to made to the GALE SUPPLY CO., of Los Angeles, Ca., for a six (6) month contract for Item Nos. 12, 35 and 41, in the amount of \$2,143.26
- 4. Recommend an award to made to MARFRED PAPER CO., of Pacoima, Ca., for a twelve (12) month contract for Item Nos. 47 and 49, in the amount of \$9,403.52

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- 5. Recommend an award be made to the ECONOMY SUPPLY CO., of Los Angeles, Ca., for a twelve (12) month contract for Item Nos. 10 and 50, in the amount of \$3,291.93
- 6. Recommend an award be made to AAMES JANITORAL SUPPLY CO., of Los Angeles, Ca., for a twelve (12) month contract for Item Nos. 40, 43 and 44, in the amount of \$1,454.10

20c. RELEASE OF REMAINING SUBDIVISION DEPOSIT.
Tract No. 36411, Camino Gardens (Pete Pozzuoli)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:
 That the remaining \$1,000 cash deposit be released.

20d. AWARD OF CONTRACTS for Purchase of Street Light Fixtures.
 Ref. Bid No. B81-26 Expenditure: \$24,129.05, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:
 That your Honorable Body award two contracts to the low bidders as follows:

- 1. Award a contract to Associated of Los Angeles in the amount of \$7,624.05 including tax for furnishing 75 each 70-watt high pressure sodium fixtures.
- 2. Award a contract to Crown Wholesale Electric in the amount of \$16,505.00 including tax for furnishing 25 each 200-watt and 100 each 250-watt high pressure sodium fixtures.

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

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The hour being 8:25 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:26 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilwoman Geissert requested Staff investigation re: traffic problems on Avenida Atezada in the vicinity of Riviera School.

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22b. Councilman Rossberg announced that Mr. David Kennedy, Assistant General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District will speak at the South Bay Cities meeting on April 23rd. Water Department representation was urged; notification to Mr. Ben Haggott was also requested.

22c. Councilman Rossberg noted the April 19th article in the Daily Breeze which complimented the Torrance Police Department for its effectiveness in a recent burglary.

22d. Councilman Rossberg discussed imminent substantial development of the Airport and requested that Staff return with a recommendation regarding allocation of responsibility for this development.

22e. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition for retiring Los Angeles City School Superintendent, and Torrance resident, Mr. Johnston.

22f. Mayor Armstrong announced the 5K Run at Wilson Park on May 24th, sponsored by the Torrance High Associated Student Body Council.

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Item 17c. - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:40 P.M. the Council recessed for Executive Session.

On its return at 9:30 P.M. the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Insurance Claims Board re: Eric Rifi. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

City Clerk of the City of Torrance