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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, May 12, 1981, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson and Mayor Armstrong. Absent: None. (It was necessary for Mayor Armstrong to leave the meeting at 8:00 P.M.)

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Water Service Supervisor Bob O'Cain led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend George Johnson, Cathedral of Life Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Council-member the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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Mayor Armstrong, with deep sadness, announced the passing of two long time Torrance residents -- his dear father, Mr. John Armstrong, and Mr. Clarence Van Lingen. It was the direction of the Mayor that this meeting be adjourned in their memory.

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Considered by the Council, out of order, at this time:

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. APPEAL OF JAMES LUNCH, dismissed Police Officer.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for considering the appeal of Police Officer James Lynch. The Mayor then stated that in hearing this appeal the Council may uphold or reverse in whole or in part the decision of the Civil Service Commission; the Council may reduce the dismissal to a suspension, not to exceed 60 days. This appeal must be heard solely on the record of the proceedings below, per the Mayor.

Continuing, Mayor Armstrong advised that Mr. Belger has filed a motion to augment the record to receive evidence of bias of the Civil Service Commissioners -- this motion must be heard and decided by the Council before the Council can hear and decide the appeal.

The City Attorney has provided members of the Council, according to Mayor Armstrong, with his advice on the options of the City Council in deciding this motion. It was confirmed that the attorneys have been furnished a copy of the City Attorney's memorandum, and that members of the Council have had the opportunity to read the City Attorney's memorandum.

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Mayor Armstrong thereupon invited the attorney for the appellant to argue the motion.

Attorney Laurie Belger addressed the motion to augment the record, based on the observance of Civil Service Commissioners talking to administrative Police personnel during recesses of the hearing -- it is most unlikely that one would ever see a juror visiting with the prosecution prior to retiring for the purpose of making a decision. Therefore, cross-examination of the Civil Service Commissioners should be allowed, per Mr. Belger.

The City's representative in this matter, Attorney John Rice, pointed out that this was not a criminal trial; there is no case which applies the strict rules applicable to criminal juries to administrative proceedings. It was the position of Mr. Rice that there is no basis for the augmentation, and the motion should be denied.

Council discussion followed, it being the consensus that the allegations are totally unsubstantiated; the substantial material provided accurately reflects the findings of the Commission; and for the Council to enter into an analysis of Commissioner motives, without some factual basis, would be improper.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to DENY the motion to augment the record. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that he would prefer to follow the City Attorney's option that this matter be held for three weeks.

Mayor Armstrong thereupon outlined procedures to be followed in the subject appeal (of written record) -- each Councilmember affirmed that he (she) has read the transcript as provided by the court reporter, the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law and all written submissions presented to the Commission during the hearing.

Arguments were first presented by Mr. Belger, and encompassed the following: only one vote brought this matter to the Council (it otherwise would have been a tie vote and it would not have been sustained); the lack of evidence surrounding the kicking incident; the strength displayed by

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PCP users; allegations pertaining to the psychological unfitness of Officer Lynch; the incident-free employment history of Officer Lynch; personality conflict with psychologist; lack of proof that Officer Lynch is a threat to the safety of the public, etc. To uphold this bare majority ruling, in the opinion of Mr. Belger, would only continue these problems for the City -- Officer Lynch does not desire to retire, medically or otherwise; he wants to be a very fine police officer. There are very simple solutions to facilitate the return of Officer Lynch to duty -- a reading of the transcript shows that there is not sufficient evidence to sustain the Commission's findings, and the Council was requested to reverse the ruling of the Commission.

Attorney John Rice, on behalf of the City, directed his remarks to the following points: the substantial findings of fact made by the Civil Service Commission, it being their position that Officer Lynch is psychologically unfit to perform the duties of a Torrance Police Officer; the evidence pertaining to this unfitness is overwhelming; also noted was evidence regarding on-the-job conduct which tended to support the conclusions of the doctors; etc. It was the concluding statement of Mr. Rice that if a person is properly found to be psychologically unsuited for the duties of a police officer, then he ought not to be a police officer -- the Civil Service Commission made that finding; it made it on the basis of substantial evidence -- based on that, Mr. Rice urged that the Council sustain the decision of the Commission.

Rebuttal was invited by Mayor Armstrong.

Mr. Belger deemed the evidence less than overwhelming in view of the Commission vote; questioned the varying findings of the doctors; references to "negligent retention," in the testimony, of record, were noted. It was stated by Mr. Belger that Officer Lynch is in the normal range, and there is nothing to prevent him continuing as a police officer, and it would be foolhardy to let this trained officer go.

Concluding rebuttal remarks by Mr. Rice included reference to: the findings of the doctors; the substantial evidence in the record to support the finding that Mr. Lynch is psychologically unsuited to perform the duties of a police officer.

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

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to hold the discussion in the Council Chambers. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion ensued -- reviewed were the penalties imposed, the psychological findings, the merits of a "probationary period" arrangement which would demonstrate whether or not Officer Lynch has any psychological problems, the creditable work performance by Officer Lynch, the value of professional counseling (at City expense), the retention of all material in Officer Lynch's file, the responsibility of the City, etc.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that Paragraphs #2 and #5, dealing with the conclusions that Officer Lynch is psychologically unfit, and based on that that he could not continue his function as a Police Officer, that there is insufficient evidence to support those conclusions -- for that reason, the penalty set forth in Paragraph #6 is an improper penalty.

As to Paragraphs #3 and #4 setting forth the department policy and the fact that there is a finding of some type of explosive personality, that the record reflects that, but based on the record as to item #4, that the appropriate penalty is to return Officer Lynch to duty with a one-year probationary period -- conditions of probation being that during that period, and hopefully beyond that period, he would comply with all departmental rules and regulations; that he would receive psychological counseling during that time, as directed by the Police Chief; that he would accept such duty assignment within the department as may be designated by the Chief of Police; that the City Council would retain jurisdiction over this matter. Should there be a violation, in the judgment of the Police Chief, in that one-year period that it be brought back directly to the Council, but if at the end of that one-year period there are not any problems, then the matter would be resolved at that point; there would be no further action. 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.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to affirm the Civil Service Commission re: Paragraphs #1 and the penalty set forth in Paragraph #7, with the additional stipulation that the suspension time already served would satisfy the penalty. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that there not be back pay for those periods of time waived by Officer Lynch -- the exact dates to be defined by the City Attorney -- in addition to the five-day suspension period. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved re: psychological counseling that the arrangements be mutually agreed upon -- should this not occur, then the MOU process will be used for the selection; that the City fund such counseling; and that it be stipulated by the Attorney and employee that in no way would this be taken as a commitment that this is an industrial injury or illness. (Mr. Belger so stipulated.) The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the direction of the Council that the City Attorney and Attorneys Belger and Rice bring back a formal set of written stipulations for the file.

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The hour being 7:30 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Armstrong.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. See below.

8b. See below.

8c. SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE YOUTH SOCCER TEAMS for outstanding achievements. "The Outlaws" (West Torrance) and "Mean Green Machine" (Central Torrance) Tribute was paid these championship teams with Letters of Special Recognition by Councilman Applegate and Mayor Armstrong.

(Mayor Armstrong left the meeting at this time - 8:00 P.M. - and leadership of the meeting was assumed by Mayor Pro Tem Geissert.)

8a. PROCLAMATION - "Older American Month" - May 1981

So proclaimed by Mayor Pro Tem Geissert.

8b. RESOLUTION re: "Red Cross Week."RESOLUTION NO. 81-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING MAY 17-23 AS RED CROSS WEEK IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-77. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong absent).

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. 1980-81 ROBERTI-Z'BERG GRANT FOR SUR LA BREA PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT: That the City Council adopt the resolution applying for a 1980-81 Roberti-Z'berg Block Grant for Sur La Brea Park Children's Play Area and lighted basketball court.

It is further recommended that the City appropriate the matching funds of \$18,700 from the General Fund Reserve for Capital Improvements.

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MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated Staff/Commission recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 81-78

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPROVES THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
UNDER THE ROBERTI-Z'BERG URBAN OPEN SPACE
AND RECREATION PROGRAM FOR SUR LA BREA
PARK CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND BASKETBALL
COURT

Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-78. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Mayor Armstrong absent).

9b. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL.

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL/PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: That your Honorable Body adopt the revised resolution incorporating the four modifications to the original Resolution No. 73-196.

Councilman Applegate requested that there be further review regarding terms of office for the Senior Citizens Council in view of the unique demands of this Commission, as well as the recruitment difficulties. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A TORRANCE
CITY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-79, with the above noted request for further input. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong absent).

9c. RESOLUTION requesting reappropriation of State funds regarding Madrona Marsh.

Staff presentation was provided by Park and Recreation Director Barnett.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO REAPPROPRIATE THE FUNDS UNDER AB 322 FOR THE PLANNING AND ACQUISITION OF THE MADRONA MARSH

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-80; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Council discussion ensued. It was the opinion of Councilman Rossberg that a letter from the Mayor to the appropriate legislators would better serve the purpose, than the above proposed resolution. Councilman Walker indicated his concerns regarding action on this resolution which might be misconstrued at a later date when pending considerations regarding the proposed development of the subject property takes place. Councilman Applegate questioned the wording "for the planning and acquisition" which now appears in the title of the resolution. Clarification was provided by Park and Recreation Director Barnett regarding the above expressed concerns.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Pro Tem Geissert.

Mr. Bill Arasmith, president, Friends of Madrona Marsh, 2019 West 231st Street, reviewed the history of the subject funds, and urged the Council to help them "hang on one more year," this being a most significant time.

Joining in this request for Council support was Mr. Sam Suitt, 1745 Maple Avenue, member of Friends of Madrona Marsh -- adoption of the resolution will simply retain the status quo until the issue can be resolved.

The MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 81-80 FAILED TO CARRY, with the following tie vote:

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

Another MOTION was then offered by Councilman Walker: That the Council adopt Resolution No. 81-80, with the following added wording - the addition of the word "possible" in the title, in front of the words "PLANNING AND ACQUISITION"; as well as in Paragraph 5 before the word "purpose," and in Paragraph 7 before the word "planning." The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the request of Councilman Applegate that this item be returned next week when a full Council will be present. There were no objections, and it was so ordered. It was the suggestion of Councilman Brown, concurred in by the Council, that the item be returned in three forms: the original version, the revised version, and in letter form.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

10a. RESOLUTION re: Inundation Study and Map for Walteria Reservoir.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
 CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JAMES M.
 MONTGOMERY, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.
 FOR THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL SERVICES
 FOR AN INUNDATION STUDY AND MAP FOR THE
 WALTERIA RESERVOIR

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

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

Items 12a and 12b were considered jointly by the
 City Council and the Redevelopment Agency:

12 A. REMOVAL OF EL PRADO/CABRILLO SENIOR CITIZEN
 HANDICAPPED HOUSING PROJECT FROM THE WORKABLE
 HOUSING STRATEGY.

RETENTION OF ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF NEIL STANTON
 PALMER AND ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE CONCEPTUAL
 DESIGN DRAWINGS FOR POTENTIAL REHABILITATION
 OF THE MURRAY HOTEL.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Should the City Council/Redevelopment Agency
 follow the recommendation of the Housing Strategy
 Coordinating Team and eliminate the El Prado/

Cabrillo Housing Project from the Workable
 Housing Strategy, the Planning Department
 recommends a detailed review of alternatives
 for the future use of these properties. As
 previously indicated, these include rehabili-
 tation, Redevelopment Agency acquisition, and
 site consolidation for new development or
 public parking, and/or direct acquisition at
 market rates by private investors or clearance
 and new development without Redevelopment Agency
 assistance.

At this time we recommend hiring the architec-
 tural firm of Neil Stanton Palmer and Associates
 to prepare conceptual design drawings toward
 possible rehabilitation of the Murray Hotel
 (maximum \$1,500) and to have available for other
 design related work in the Downtown Redevelopment
 Area. We recommend that a purchase order contract
 with work based on an hourly rate and a maximum
 of \$5,000. We feel that a design concept for the
 Murray Hotel, along with the detailed program for
 rehabilitation (time frames, costs, guarantees,
 etc.) will provide the City Council/Redevelopment
 Agency with the necessary information to make a
 final decision. (Funds are available from
 existing Redevelopment Agency appropriations.)

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Staff presentation and clarification were provided by Chief Assistant to the City Manager Jackson. There was further input by Community Development Programs Associate Phyllis Moore.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Planning Department re: the El Prado/Cabrillo Senior Citizen/Handicapped Housing Project. His motion was seconded by Mr. Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Chairman Armstrong absent).

Following presentation by Planning Associate Ferren re: the Murray Hotel, Dr. Wilson MOVED to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation and to appropriate the necessary funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: MEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Wilson.
NOES: MEMBERS: Walker.
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Chairman Armstrong.

12B. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO MARKETING AND PROCESSING OF COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION LOAN APPLICATIONS.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF AND THE PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE: That loan applications continue to be processed under current procedures (Alternative 1) with certain modifications which include:

1. Limiting loans to a \$50,000 maximum.
2. Limiting the loan term to 10 years unless the applicant would not otherwise qualify, in which case the loan term could be extended to 15 years. (These first two measures are intended to conserve remaining loan funds.)
3. Transfer the duties of Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Board to the Land Management Team and disband the Board.

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4. Allow approval of loans to tenants in buildings having multiple tenants only upon execution of a satisfactory Owner Participation Agreement for the entire structure.

Although this is a companion item with consideration of possible options for the Murray Hotel, Staff recommends that the existing Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program be treated independently of that consideration, with potential loans from this source limited to \$50,000. This will insure rehabilitation of at least six more structures in Downtown. If larger sums are needed to insure the feasibility of special projects like the Murray, it is recommended that supplemental appropriations specifically be made, if and when necessary.

Formal Staff presentation was made by Planning Associate Progen.

MOTION: Mr. Applegate moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendation. His motion was seconded by Mr. Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Chairman Armstrong absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a. APPEAL OF JAMES LYNCH, dismissed Police Officer.

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15. HEARINGS:

- 15a. PP 81-1, CAPITAL ACCUMULATION SYSTEMS. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan to allow construction of a 4,974 square foot single-family residence in the R-1 zone in the Hillside Overlay District at 439 Via El Chico. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Councilman Applegate advised that he will be abstaining in this matter as a client of his firm currently has a business transaction pending with Capital Accumulation Systems.

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It was noted that Mayor Armstrong was the appellant in this item, and, in view of his absence, continuance was recommended.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to continue Item 15a until the Council meeting of May 19, 1981. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong absent).

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ITEM 17c.

At 9:25 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning to its agenda at 10:15 P.M.

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15b. CONTINUED HEARING OF EA 81-9, CITY OF TORRANCE.
Administrative appeal of Environmental Review Board determination to grant a negative declaration for EA 81-9, City of Torrance proposal to construct a 20,000 square foot bus maintenance facility in the M-2 zone, north of the Civic Center between Maple and Madrona Avenues. THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND CONCURRENCE WITH THE ERB'S DECISION AND DENIAL OF THE SUBJECT APPEAL.

Mayor Pro Tem Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the subject continued hearing, and invited comments from the audience.

Attorney Jerrold Fadem, representing the Friedman Brothers, owners of subject property, reiterated his previously expressed concerns regarding noise, pollution, traffic, etc. of the proposed project, and urged that an Environmental Impact Report be required.

Mr. Brook Wiggins, Boise Cascade, 555 Maple Avenue, pointed out their concerns regarding the impact of the proposed project on their expansion program and the very great fire hazard represented by a maintenance facility.

There were no other speakers.

It was the comment of Councilman Brown that, in his opinion, continuance would be in order, with note of the need for basic determinations pertaining to the project itself -- there is a critical need for further analysis.

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Accordingly, Councilman Brown MOVED to continue both the EIR determination (Item 15b) and the matters contained in Item 15c for the Resolution of Necessity for a period of 90 days for such analysis -- to be returned to the Council on August 11, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong absent).

It was the added comment of Councilman Brown that alternative uses and alternative sites are the predominant considerations -- there is a need to determine whether or not to go forward with the project at all, even apart from the environmental grounds.

15c. RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY - Friedman Brothers Investment Company.

Continued to August 11, 1981, per action taken above on Item 15b.

15d. CUP 81-4, FOSTER AND KLEISER. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the relocation of an existing billboard located in a railroad right-of-way. THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DENIAL.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Nelson, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Pro Tem Geissert announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, noting that she had effected the appeal for the reason that the issue has to do with whether or not the relocation of the sign would constitute a new sign as it relates to statements in the General Plan and the fact that the existing sign is a non-conforming use at the present time.

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate Woodward.

Council discussion was directed to the new sign vs. relocation aspect of this matter.

Representing Foster and Kleiser, Ms. Pilar Perry pointed out the public service aspect of this consideration -- the sign will have a permanent public service structure for use by the City.

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 (Absent: Mayor Armstrong).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to deny the appeal and sustain the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of CUP 81-4, with acceptance of the public service offer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING BILLBOARD LOCATED IN A RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY NEAR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND 190TH STREET - CUP 81-4, FOSTER AND KLEISER

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-82. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Mayor Pro Tem Geissert regarding her negative vote that this would be perpetuating a non-conforming use -- Councilman Brown indicated concurrence with this finding.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. RESOLUTION adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for the 1980-81 Fiscal Year.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1980-81

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Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-83. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Mayor Armstrong).

17b. RETENTION OF COOPERS & LYBRAND for a Data Processing Operations Review.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That the firm of Coopers & Lybrand be retained to perform a review of the City's data processing operations and that \$18,000 be appropriated from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies for that purpose.

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

17c. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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17d. ORDINANCE setting Standards for Issuing Business Permits.

ORDINANCE NO. 3011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS PERMITS TO CLARIFY THOSE STANDARDS AND TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3011 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Mayor Armstrong).

17e. WORD PROCESSING.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/WORD PROCOESSING TEAM LEADER:

1. Authorize the City Manager to pursue word processing concepts as a means towards improved productivity.
2. Concur in a shared logic approach to word processing.
3. Concur in an administrative policy of considering stand-alone systems only where distance prohibits use of shared logic system.

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4. Authorize an in-house Citywide study to determine areas of applications needing word processing.
5. Direct Staff to proceed with updating knowledge of shared logic systems in order to select a system best suited to identified applications.
6. Approve, in concept, that the City Attorney's request (Attachment B, of record) be one station on a shared logic system.

The request of the City Attorney that this matter be continued for two weeks was noted. Councilman Walker so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Armstrong absent).

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES.

18a. ORDINANCE NO. 3010.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 43.1.8
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE MAKING IT
A VIOLATION TO DUMP TRASH IN ANOTHER
PERSON'S TRASH CONTAINER

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3010 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Purchase of Vandal-Proof
Stainless Steel Restroom Fixtures.
Ref. Bid B81-27 Expenditure: \$9,017.42

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That your Honorable Body authorize the award of a contract for the Acorn Engineering Company in the total amount of \$9,017.42, including tax.

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- 20b. RENEWAL OF LEASE CONTRACT for Police Want-Warrant System Equipment with Harris Data Communications. (Ref. City Contract #C-1558)
Annual Expenditure: \$11,695.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of Torrance's continued participation on this Statewide Police "Want-Warrant" System and authorize the continuing lease of necessary support communications equipment to support this program from the Harris Data Communications, Inc. Company for another year.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Removal and Replacement of Unsafe Residential Cement Sidewalks and Driveways. Ref. Bid No. B81-29
Anticipated Expenditure: \$122,500.00

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council award a contract for the removal, disposal and reconstruction of 50,000 square feet of Residential Cement Sidewalks and Driveways to the low responsible bidder, Fleming Engineering of Buena Park, California, in the total anticipated amount of \$122,500.00.

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

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

- 21a. RESOLUTION commending Mr. Jack Webb upon his Retirement as Retail Advertising Director of the Daily Breeze.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MR. JACK WEBB UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS RETAIL ADVERTISING DIRECTOR OF THE DAILY BREEZE

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-76. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Mayor Armstrong absent).

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Acting City Engineer Bourbonnais reported on May 11th meeting with Madrona Avenue residents across from the Civic Center roadway -- it was a productive meeting, and a report will be forthcoming to Council.

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22b. Councilman Applegate extended deep sympathy to Mayor Armstrong on the loss of his father -- concurrence in these condolences was expressed by each member of the Council.

22c. Councilman Applegate noted the hazardous traffic conditions, and a recent fatality, on Del Amo Boulevard between Henrietta and Prospect -- Staff investigation was requested.

22d. Councilmembers Applegate and Rossberg reminded all present of the 10K Run and the Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, May 16th.

22e. Councilman Brown requested review re: restricted parking at Dr. Odell's Animal Hospital.

22f. Mayor Pro Tem Geissert requested input from Staff regarding the Southern Pacific Depot in Downtown Torrance. A verbal report was provided by Planning Director Shartle and City Manager Ferraro.

At 11:10 P.M. the meeting adjourned in memory
of Messrs. Clarence Van Lingen and
John Armstrong.

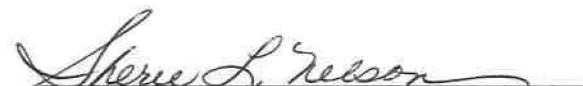
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance