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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 1981, at 6:30 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 6:40 P.M.

Absent: Councilman Wilson (vacation).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Robert Wood led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Leonard Rhodes, Torrance Evangelical Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson was absent).

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6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Applegate moved that after the City Clerk has assigned a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting, Councilman Wilson absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

Taken by the Council at this time:

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

The hour being 6:35 P.M. the Council recessed for the subject Executive Session, returning at 7:40 P.M. No action was taken at this time, and the Council returned to its regular agenda order. (See Page 11.)

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PRESENTATION TO DR. DONALD BUSHFIELD.

A plaque for his work on the Human Resources Commission was presented Dr. Bushfield by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council, with appreciation and in recognition of his valuable community efforts.

8b. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MS. JEAN CLAWSON.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the City and for her work on the Fine Arts Commission, Mayor Armstrong presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Jean Clawson, on behalf of the Council. There was grateful acceptance by Ms. Clawson.

8c. PRESENTATION TO TWO TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Mayor Armstrong presented Certificates of Appreciation to Torrance High School students Lisa Caprioglio and Maria Mahar - winners in the 20th Annual Salute to Excellence Program presented by the American Academy of Achievement. The congratulations and commendation of the Council were likewise conveyed by the Mayor.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. MOBIL FOUNDATION, INC. GRANT FOR SUMMER MUSICAL.RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

As this Grant provides assistance to a unique young adult and teen summer program that benefits the residents of Torrance, the Staff of the Park and Recreation Department recommend that your Honorable Body accept this generous contribution from the Mobil Foundation, Inc. and appropriate it for the 1981 Summer Musical, "West Side Story."

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

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. DOWNTOWN BUS TERMINAL DEMOLITION AND REPLACEMENT.RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That your Honorable Body authorize Staff to proceed with the demolition of the Downtown Torrance Bus Terminal and with soliciting of bids for two new bus shelters on that site.

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

10b. ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED BUS PASSES.RECOMMENDATION:

Due to the apparent lack of a significant demand for a pass program among seniors and handicapped and the costs associated with any pass program, the Department of Transportation recommends against the implementation of a senior citizen and handicapped bus pass (either monthly or quarterly).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Department of Transportation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

See Pages 2 and 11.

14b. RESOLUTION setting forth wages for Senior Aide Employees from July 1, 1981 to July 1, 1982.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES FOR SENIOR AIDE EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1981 - JULY 1, 1982

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-164. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

14c. Various Memoranda of Understanding and Salary Resolutions for 1981, for adoption and reaffirmation.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body:

Reaffirm the listed MOU's and Resolutions

Concur and adopt:

MOU and Resolution IUOE

Engineers

MOU and Resolution TLEA

Library Employees

MOU and Resolution TLEA, part-time

MOU and Resolution TRREO

Part-time Recreation employees

Authorize the appropriations as specified.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 81-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF

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OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 501, AFL/CIO,
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 12, 1981 TO
JULY 1, 1982

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-165. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 81-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES,
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 12, 1981
TO JULY 1, 1982

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-166. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 81-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES,
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR TORRANCE
LIBRARY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE JOBS OF
LIBRARY PAGE, JUNIOR LIBRARY CLERK AND
INTERMEDIATE LIBRARY CLERK FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 1981, JULY 12, 1981 TO JULY 1, 1982

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-167. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 81-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES,
HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR RECURRENT
RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION FOR THE
PERIOD FROM JULY 12, 1981 TO JUNE 30, 1982

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-168. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

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15. HEARINGS:15a. WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on confirmation of the Spring 1981 Weed Abatement Program, showing the costs to be assessed to the property owners listed thereon.

The Affidavit of Posting was presented by City Clerk Nelson. Councilman Applegate moved that it be received and filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

The Mayor 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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to approve the report of the City Manager as submitted. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE COST OF WEED ABATEMENT FOR SPRING 1981 (WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1981-82)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-169. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

15b. CUP 71-17 (MODIFICATION) McDONALD'S CORPORATION.

Administrative appeal of Planning Commission approval of modification of Conditional Use Permit to allow the installation of a playground in front patio area of McDonald's Restaurant at 5019 Torrance Boulevard, with PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION OF DENIAL OF APPEAL AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT.

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, inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Representing the proponent were Mr. Gil Reyes, construction engineer, who provided desired clarification and stipulated that the playground area would be constantly supervised; and Ms. Carol Bahmani, area supervisor, who discussed possible locations for the bike rack.

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

Council discussion ensued. Noted were the facts that only the minimum amount of parking spaces are provided; there is no landscaping; present traffic congestion is in great evidence; the playground figures represent a type of signage; etc.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Council GRANT THE APPEAL AND REJECT THE APPLICATION FOR THE PLAYGROUND. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

It was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert that the family restaurant concept is a good one, and it is worth a try. Accordingly, Mrs. Geissert offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That the appeal be denied and that the conditional use permit be limited to six months, and returned for review at that time. THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

The MAIN MOTION to grant the appeal and to deny the project carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

15c. ZC 81-2, B.F.M. ENTERPRISES, INC. Request for approval of a Change of Zone from R-2 to R-3 on six lots at 2313-2325 Sierra Street. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL, BUT UNANIMOUSLY AGREES THAT IF THE CITY COUNCIL WERE TO REZONE THE PROPERTY, IT BE ZONED R-3 (PRECISE PLAN). PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THE REQUEST.

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

Representing B.F.M. Enterprises, Mr. Steve Molina, 2501 237th Street, requested a continuance until such time as the Density Study is completed and evaluated. One item that should be considered in the Study, per Mr. Molina, is the widening of Sierra Street to 60 ft. in width.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the public hearing.

Speaking in opposition to the subject request were: Ms. Margaret Rose, 1024 Sierra Place; A.G. Gregg, 2264 Sierra Street; and Ben Sporeck. These speakers expressed their concerns regarding traffic impacts.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Rossberg moved that the hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that the appeal be denied, and the project denied without prejudice. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

15d. CONTINUED HEARING REGARDING MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW INSTALLATION OF A CLUB HOUSE DANCE FLOOR AT WEST END TENNIS AND RACQUET CLUB.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject Continued Public Hearing, and invited comments from the audience.

The proponent, Mr. Steve Duran, 4343 Spencer Street, stated that the main problem in this matter was the complaint of the neighborhood regarding excessive noise -- contacts have since been made with the neighbors and the problems appear resolved.

Mr. Ray Tarate, 4224 Michelle Drive, confirmed the neighborhood meetings -- Mr. Duran has now presented plans regarding the dance floor; it seems feasible because of his request for a 60-90 day temporary permit.

Ms. Nancy Stephenson, 1754 Martina, reported on her personal experiences at the West End Tennis and Racquet Club as they relate to stringent requirements regarding visitors.

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

It was the suggestion of Building and Safety Director McKinnon that his department be permitted to do a noise study, per supplemental material submitted.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to continue Item 15d for two weeks to permit Staff to prepare the noise attenuation material, with further Staff input regarding the enforcement of "Members Only" status. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. RESOLUTION supporting the licensing of the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING
THE LICENSING OF THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT, UNITS II AND III, BY THE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-163. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. REJECTION OF BIDS:
Purchase of Two Handicap Service Transit Type Vans.
Ref. Bid B81 -40

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council reject all bids received on the van units and authorize the rebidding of a revised requirement for a slightly larger, more versatile, 15-passenger size unit.

20b. PURCHASE OF BOILER AND MACHINERY INSURANCE.RECOMMENDATION:OF CITY MANAGER:

City Manager and Building Department requests City Council approval to purchase boiler and machinery insurance from Chubb/Pacific Indemnity Group for the 1981-82 fiscal year at an annual premium of \$8,040. Although boiler and machinery insurance was not included in the 1981-82 budget, there are sufficient funds in the insurance account to provide this coverage should your Honorable Body approve the purchase.

20c. BUS PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE -
Anniversary Premium for Period July 31, 1981 to July 31, 1982.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION: That your Honorable Body approve the proposal of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to insure the Transit Fleet for physical damage for 1981-1982 at an annual premium of \$29,829.00. Funds for this coverage have been included in the 1981-1982 budget.

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

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The hour being 9:00 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 9:01 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro requested formal adoption of contract for the services of Mr. Charles Shartle as a consultant, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest that agreement. Councilman Brown so MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

22b. Councilman Applegate urged continuation of the South Bay Corridor Study organization -- Councilman Rossberg so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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22c. Councilman Rossberg referred to recent communication from Mr. Norman Hill re: water in the streets -- Street Superintendent Garcia will follow through.

22d. Councilman Rossberg noted, with regret, the fact that Dr. Henry Kirk, Human Resources Commissioner, will be leaving Torrance due to a professional promotion -- appropriate recognition for Dr. Kirk, a valuable, active member of this community, was requested by Mr. Rossberg.

22e. Mayor Armstrong commended both the Library Commission and Airport Commission Annual Reports contained in this agenda.

22f. Mayor Armstrong regretfully announced the passing of Mr. Sam Stewart, long time member of the Daily Breeze staff, and directed that this meeting be adjourned in his memory.

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14a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:10 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 9:50 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to set the salary of the City Treasurer, pursuant to Committee report, with an increase of 9.9%, effective Sunday, August 2, 1981. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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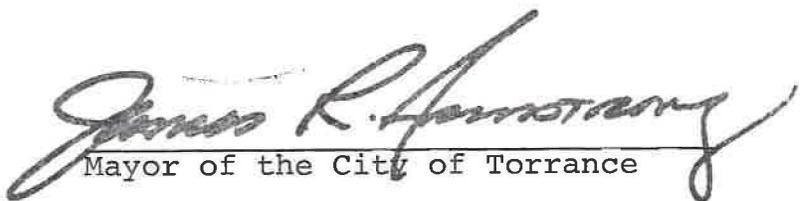
At 9:51 P.M. Councilman Walker moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent) -- adjournment was in memory of Mr. Sam Stewart.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance