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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 1981, at 5:30 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.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Ms. Terese Condon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend C.J. Bellamy, South Bay Church of God.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Applegate moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PRESENTATION TO DEL AMO ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS.

Mayor Armstrong introduced and welcomed Del Amo Rotary exchange students Jane Burley and Andrew Hillam from Fareham England, and Mariko Mukasa and Noriko Umezawa from Urawa, Japan -- plaques were presented these welcome visitors, with grateful acceptance by them.

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9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. HIRING OF CONSULTANT RE: EXPANSION OF JOSLYN CENTER.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Mr. Robert Bailey and Associates of Long Beach, California, an Arts Consultant firm, be retained to complete a feasibility study per proposal on the expansion of the Joslyn Center of the Arts for a sum not to exceed \$10,000.

Council discussion ensued --considered were the possible merits of generating the information internally; the actual need of the theater facility; overall expansion plans; proposed theater uses and extent of public interest; establishment of priorities via a Staff-prepared "wish list;" etc. The following action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to refer Item 9a back to Staff, to be returned to Council in approximately two weeks, to determine: are we supportive of the concept, subject to feasibility confirmation, of (a) the expansion of Joslyn Center, and (b) the theater. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, comments from the audience were forthcoming.

Mr. Harvey Horwich, member of the Park and Recreation Commission, noted that the Commission is on record as favoring the hiring of an outside consultant, favoring and recognizing the need for expansion of the Joslyn Center -- Mr. Horwich urged that the Council proceed favorably with the matter. The only objective way to obtain the needed information is through an outsider, per Mr. Horwich.

Representing the Fine Arts Commission, vice chairman W.D. Brugger stated that the community is now recognizing a need for additional facilities of this nature, and that the City would be well served with the expertise of a consultant.

Councilman Brown's motion to refer Item 9a back to Staff carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Rossberg,
Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (should proceed with
hiring of consultant).

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 14a.
- ORDINANCE
- Modification of Civil Service and Personnel Rules Pertaining to the Fire Department.

ORDINANCE NO. 3020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, ARTICLE 6, ARTICLE 20 AND ARTICLE 47 OF DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilman Brown moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3020 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(The Council/Redevelopment Agency convened in Joint Session at 6:15 P.M.; Agency adjournment was at 6:20 P.M.)

15. HEARINGS:

15a.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING by the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency concerning a Request for Final Approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of Building #9 (three-story office building with subterranean parking) within the Skypark Redevelopment Project Area, in conformance with the previously approved Concept Plan - CUP 81-13 SEE MYUN KIM.

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

Mayor/Chairman Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject Joint Public Hearing.

It was affirmed by Acting Planning Director Ferren, at Mr. Brown's question, that there is nothing in the approval of the subject building that is in conflict with anything previously adopted by the Council/Agency; further, there is conformity of architectural design with this building and the other buildings, fulfilling the common theme of the Project Area.

There being no one present who wished to be heard, Mrs. Geissert moved to close the Joint Public Hearing.

Her motion was seconded by Mr. Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-170

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION BY AN OWNER PARTICIPANT OF A THREE-STORY OFFICE BUILDING WITH SUBTERRANEAN PARKING IN THE SKYPARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23332 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD (BUILDING #9) - CUP 81-13, MR. SEE MYUN KIM

Dr. Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-170. His motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1981-82

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-171. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Chamber president, Mr. Peter Lacombe, was present to state that they accept the responsibilities under the contract and that they stand ready to work and cooperate with the City of Torrance. Specific interest in the hiring of the handicapped and energy conservation programs was evidenced by the Council, and Mr. Lacombe

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expressed a willingness to investigate the areas of support possible by the Chamber.

19. ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19a. RESOLUTION re: Destruction of City Records.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-172. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. TRACT NO. 39418 (Salem Manor)
SUBDIVIDER: George Krikorian
 Location: S/S Carson street between Elm and
 Date Avenues
 No. of Lots: 1 (30 Unit Condominium)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR:
 That Final Tract Map No. 39418 be approved.

Councilman Applegate pointed out that the originally approved used brick wall around the entire project is most desirable, and there should be no "trade-offs" in this regard.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the Staff recommendation on agenda item 20a. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Renewal of Annual Contract for Xerox Copy Machine Rental Program.
 Annual Expenditure: \$107,086.62

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:
 That Council authorize the renewing of our annual Xerox Copy Machine Rental Contract for another year based upon State and Local Government special pricing plans at an anticipated annual cost of \$107,086.62, including tax.

Councilman Rossberg discussed the unlikelihood of the equipment becoming obsolete and favored a longer time period.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendation on agenda item 20b. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Re: A. Redesign of 11 City Restrooms for Handicap
Access

B. Redesign of Airport Control Tower 3rd
Floor to add a Women's Restroom and
small Employee Lounge area.

Ref. Bid #B81-50

Expenditure: \$2,400.00

It was noted by Building and Safety Director McKinnon that there should be the further comment that not only was the recommendation based upon low bidder but that the low bidder was also professionally responsible and very capable of performing the contract,

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council authorize the projects to proceed by authorizing an award of contract for required Architectural Services to the Architect submitting the Lowest Cost Proposal, David C. Breiholz & Company, who submitted a cost proposal (Bid) of \$2400.00 to perform the required design work.

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

20d. FINAL TRACT MAP APPROVAL.

TRACT NO. 41489 (Sepulveda School Site)
CALPROP CORPORATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Tract Map No. 41489 be approved.

Mr. Dennis Littleton, 22005 Anza Avenue, expressed his concerns regarding the ground level of the proposed fence. Representing Calprop, Mr. Victor Zockalin described the intended wall as well as their desire to deal with the neighborhood in a fair and equitable manner.

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

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

21a. POSITION RE: AB 1693.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body take a position to OPPOSE THE PASSAGE OF AB 1693. Staff will then communicate this position to Senator Beverly who is a member of the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker (does not like late
presentation of material)

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro expressed appreciation to Calprop (Item 20d) for their cooperation and assistance in solving problems surrounding their proposed development.

22b. Councilman Applegate ascertained that the date of the Annual Council/Commission/Staff Picnic will be Sunday, August 30th, 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. at Wilson Park.

22c. Councilman Brown noted communication from State League of Women Voters regarding a number of fiscal matters -- in some cases, directly contrary to the position taken by the City. It was the request of Mr. Brown that there be a Staff analysis and appropriate resolution prepared.

22d. Councilman Brown indicated support for City Manager Ferraro's communication to the chief executive of Robinson's regarding their forthcoming opening with the benefits going to a Peninsula charity, rather than to Torrance-based charities. It was the expressed intent of Councilman Brown not to attend the opening, an action generally concurred in by the Council.

22e. Councilwoman Geissert commended all responsible for the successful International Year of Disabled Persons Festival. Mayor Armstrong joined in this commendation.

22f. Councilwoman Geissert requested appropriate recognition for Ms. Carol Cooley, director of the South Bay Youth Service Center, who has accepted another position in the City of La Mirada. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22g. Councilman Rossberg requested clarification regarding what is proposed for the traffic lanes on Carson Street in the vicinity of Hawthorne Boulevard.

22h. Councilman Rossberg conveyed his gratitude to Building and Safety Director McKinnon for his "tremendous expertise" in handling a problem confronted by one of the City's industrial companies.

22i. Councilman Wilson referred a complaint from Mr. Keller regarding the automatic trash pickup to the Street Department.

22j. Mrs. Jo-Anne Waller, president, Torrance League of Women Voters, stated that they are presently preparing their local positions; she will make sure every Councilmember receives a copy of same.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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James R. Armstrong

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Shirley L. Nelson

City Clerk of the City of Torrance