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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, October 6, 1981, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Ms. Pat Unangst led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Donald Dybvig, Christ the King Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 1981, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilwoman Geissert 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. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Citizen Development:

Councilman Rossberg reviewed ^a recent meeting of this committee, with particular note of concerns pertaining to child care centers and the funding thereof. An Ad Hoc Committee has been established ^{to} ascertain if city-wide efforts can be consolidated.

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Mayor Armstrong regretfully announced the passing of long time Torrance resident, Mr. Kenneth Ruffell -- likewise noted, with regret, was the tragic killing of California Highway Patrol Officer John Martinez, with the request that condolences go forward to his family. It was the direction of the Mayor that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Ruffell and Officer Martinez.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PROCLAMATION - "National Guard Day" - October 7, 1981.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. REQUEST FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR PARK BENCH.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARK AND RECREATION:
That the City appropriate \$700 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a park bench at Legion Square.

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FINANCE RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the \$700 appropriation should be from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies.

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

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

RESOLUTION re: Consent for Inclusion in County Highway System - Western Avenue - San Diego Freeway to Carson Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF WESTERN AVENUE WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-223. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:11a. VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE CONTRACT.RECOMMENDATION

So as to continue a towing and storage system that has proven workable, it is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award a new two year contract for the exclusive right to towing and storage of vehicles on City initiated calls to Van Lingen Body Shop Inc., 20621 Earl St., Torrance.
2. Adjust rates for services provided by such contract to be commensurate with the current rates established by the Los Angeles Police Commission (attachment "C"-exhibit D).

A. Towing of automobiles and motorcycles.

- Increase from \$33.00 to \$37.00 for the first hour or fraction thereof.
- Increase from \$16.50 to \$18.50 for each additional half hour or fraction thereof.

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B. Trucks and heavy duty towing.

- Disabled from \$54.00 to \$61.00 for first hour or fraction thereof; from \$27.00 to \$30.50 for each additional half hour or fraction thereof; and from 15.00 to \$18.00 an hour or fraction thereof for each extra man required.
- Overturned or special requirements - from \$95.00 to \$108.00 an hour or fraction thereof for 2 men; from \$95.00 to \$108.00 for each additional heavy duty tow unit and one man; from \$15.00 to \$18.00 an hour or fraction thereof for each additional man; and up to 50% (additional) when cargo is dangerous.

C. Storage (per day first 24 hours free).

- Motorcycles - \$2 (no change).
- Autos and trucks to 1 ton - from \$4.50 to \$5.00.
- Trucks over 1 ton to 20 feet - from \$7.00 to \$8.00.
- Trucks over 20 feet from \$7.00 to \$10.00 first day and \$10.00 each additional day

Attorney Thomas E. Hammack, representing Frank Scotto Chevron, tow contract applicant, urged that the Council award the contract to Mr. Scotto, and detailed the ability of Mr. Scotto to competently serve the City of Torrance and meet the needs of the community with its expanding traffic and attendant problems.

Applicant Robert Van Lingen likewise outlined his ability to serve the best interests of the City in providing an efficient towing service.

Council discussion ensued, it being the consensus that the present service by the Van Lingen Body Shop has been most satisfactory, and replacement would be inappropriate -- both companies were lauded, and it was felt that either one would do a good job for the City.

Formal action was as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police to award the Vehicle Towing and Storage Contract to Van Lingen Body Shop, subject to taking care of deficiencies noted in report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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The hour being 6:20 P.M. the Council convened in Joint Session with the Redevelopment Agency to consider the following item:

12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12a. JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONCERNING AN EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS AT 226TH AND OCEAN AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager recommends granting an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation for the disposition and development of approximately 25,000 square feet of land at 226th Street and Ocean Avenue, to allow for the construction of housing for handicapped persons. It is further recommended that the City Council adopt the subject resolution which sets forth the Agreement.

Discussion ensued. It was the request of Mr. Applegate, concurred in by Agency/Council members, that there be additional language in the Negotiation Agreement to include reversionary rights for the City in connection with this lease. Further suggested by Mr. Brown was language to the effect that "the lease cannot be pledged or assigned without consent of the City," be added to Paragraph 3 of the resolution. Added by Mr. Rossberg was the recommendation that consideration be given to a condition that at the option of first refusal the City take over the building at the current loan value.

It was the request of Counsel Remelmeyer that this item be held for one week to permit review of the recommended revised language. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Ms. Susan Carr, representing the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, stated that their request is simply a right to negotiate in order to proceed without further delay -- a minute motion would meet this need.

MOTION: Mr. Rossberg moved that it is the intention of the Agency/Council to subsequently pass the subject joint resolution when the exact wording has been achieved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M., and the Council returned to its regular agenda order.

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13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:

- 13a. SIGN APPEAL - S72-15 (Rev I) - Glabman Furniture, 23646 Hawthorne Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION:
DENIAL of the appeal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Building and Safety Department Staff feel this type and quantity of advertising can best be presented through other media and concur in the Commission's recommendation for DENIAL of the appeal.

Staff presentation was provided by Environmental Quality Administrator McElroy.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Richard Demerjian, 1812 Paseo del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, pointed out the imperative need for the use of brand names in the identification of their business.

Representing Glabman Furniture, Mr. Donald Glabman, 2220 Avenue of the Stars, City Century, was also present to emphasize the merits of the requested brand name signing and to outline its important role in attracting customers.

Mr. Glabman requested approval of this signing, and agreed, if it should prove objectionable to the Council, to remove same.

Councilman Rossberg reviewed the overall signing program, the improved building, and the requested brand name signing -- it was his opinion that the brand name signing was acceptable, particularly in view of Mr. Glabman's offer to remove same if desired by the Council. There was general concurrence by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to grant the subject appeal, approval to include Mr. Glabman's offer to remove brand name signing should the Council so desire. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Brown, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (the front of the building is too "busy")

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14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. RESOLUTION re: Reconciliation of CETA Audit.RESOLUTION NO. 81-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE TO ATTEST TO AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR NON-
CASH REPAYMENT OF CETA AUDIT FINDINGS

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-224. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14b. CITY CLERK'S REQUEST FOR DELETION OF DEPUTY CITY CLERK POSITION FROM BUDGET.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

The City Manager reaffirms his previous recommendation that the matter be filed and that the City Clerk may resubmit this recommended change as part of the 1982-83 departmental budget requests.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14c. RESOLUTION re: Renewal of Contract with Cooperative Personnel Services for examination services.RESOLUTION NO. 81-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT
WITH COOPERATIVE PERSONNEL SERVICES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 81-225. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

See Page 13.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a.
- CITY COUNCIL POLICY
- regarding the use and/or proceeds from sale of City-owned sumps.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body:

Update Councilmanic policy on the role of the Park and Recreation Commission regarding the review of surplus City-owned property;

Appropriate \$95,000 from the Drainage Improvement Fund for the design and construction of three storm drains;

Appropriate \$31,000 from the Drainage Improvement Fund for site preparation of two sumps; and

When sold, place the proceeds of the sale of the two sumps in the General Fund Reserve for Capital Improvements.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

That your Honorable Body provide policy direction to the Park and Recreation Commission regarding the Commission's role in reviewing surplus City-owned land, including sumps, as to possible use for recreation purposes.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF:

That consideration of this policy question be referred to the Council Committee on Citizen Development and Enrichment for further study and review.

Council discussion ensued. Councilwoman Geissert indicated that she would not agree with the City Manager's recommendation that funds be placed in the General Fund Reserve for Capital Improvements, noting the past position of the Council that the sumps represented the "City's land bank." Further study and review by the Council Committee was favored by Mrs. Geissert.

It was the opinion of Councilman Brown that since parks and drainage systems have been developed using other funds, including General Fund Reserves, and it would not be inappropriate, if drainage needs have otherwise been solved, to return the funds back to the General Fund Reserve -- he does not feel that the sumps exist for a single purpose; funds are merged continuously; and he is supportive of the City Manager's recommendation.

Concurrence with the City Manager's recommendation was indicated by Councilman Applegate who added that the needs and requirements of the City may have differed based upon circumstances at the time of the establishment of the original policy. It was further stated by Mr. Applegate that the Commission may provide input to the Council on any land, public or private, as it relates to recreation; however, he is troubled with creating a policy stating that all City-owned land must be reviewed by the Park and Recreation Commission prior to disposal of the land. Agreement with these comments was indicated by Councilman Wilson; Council Committee review was favored. Councilman Rossberg expressed concurrence with the City Manager's recommendation relative to returning monies to the General Fund Reserve.

Ms. Georgean Griswold, Chairperson, Park and Recreation Commission, reaffirmed the position of the Commission that Torrance-owned land, including sumps, should be land banks for future park sites, or, if sold, the monies would be used for park land acquisition and development -- a reaffirmation of Council policy is desired by the Commission.

A member of SETHA, Mrs. Dee Hardison, 2024 West 236th Street, reviewed the past history of Southeast Torrance sump considerations -- Commission review of City-owned lands prior to sale as related to recreational needs was urged by Mrs. Hardison.

Mayor Armstrong joined in the review of the sump policy and overall park development -- it was his desire that this matter go to Committee, and that, for now, the Council leave in place the existing policy.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Council reaffirm the policy of requesting that the Park and Recreation Commission review surplus City property, including sumps, before they are disposed of in other manners, the Council to take their advice into consideration. Further, that the remaining recommendations of the City Manager be referred to Council Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Speaking at this time, Ms. Kathy Fennell, 4913 Louise Avenue, representing Seaside and Calle Mayor PTAs, noted their previously expressed concerns regarding the needed storm drain at the corner of Carlow Road and Calle Mayor.

Following review and discussion of the City Engineer's recommendation on Page 9 of his September 25th communication

(per agenda material, of record), the following action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer: That \$95,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for design and construction of the following three storm drain projects:

- a) Via El Chico - 800' east of Calle Mayor
- b) Amie Avenue - 182nd Street northerly
- c) Calle Mayor - Carlow Road southwesterly to join existing.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Budgeted Replacement Stump Grinder Ref. Bid No. B81-68
Expenditure: \$20,118.70

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That Council award a contract for the purchase of the budgeted Stump Grinder to Vermeer-California for the total amount of \$20,118.70, including tax and the trade-in of the City's old unit.

- 20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Videotape Equipment for Fire Department. Ref. Bid #B81-66
Expenditure: \$7,495.26

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/BUYER:

That your Honorable Body authorize an award of a contract for the required equipment to the Pacific Sales Company of Torrance in the total amount of \$7,495.26, including tax.

- 20c. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of 5 Budgeted Replacement Police Motorcycles. Ref. Bid #B81-72
Expenditure: \$26,447.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council authorize the purchase of these budgeted replacement police motorcycles from the low responsive bidder, the Harley Davidson of Long Beach dealer, in the amount of \$5,289.40 each (or \$26,447 total), including tax.

- 20d. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of Two Budgeted Asphalt Spreaders. Ref. Bid No. B81-67
Expenditure: \$10,316.56

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ITEM 14d - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:05 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: hours, wages and working conditions, returning at 8:30 P.M. No action was taken.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:31 P.M. -- adjournment was in memory of Mr. Kenneth Ruffell and Officer John Martinez.

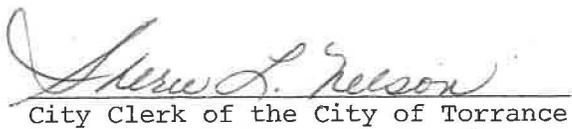
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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance