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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, January 5, 1982 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 6:10 P.M.

Absent: None.

Also present: Assistant City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives (City Manager Ferraro arrived at 6:30 P.M.)

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Police Sergeant Harold Maestri led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend William Roleder, First Lutheran Church of Torrance.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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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 Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Flagler Lane Slope Stabilization - (B81-95).RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to RUSSCO CONSTRUCTION, INC. and that all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING AND SAFETY MATTERS:13a. RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE re: Mobile Home Health and Safety Enforcement.RESOLUTION NO. 82-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO SURRENDER THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE THE MOBILE HOME PARK REGULATIONS GRANTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND NOTIFYING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO ASSUME SUCH RESPONSIBILITY

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-1. His motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

ORDINANCE NO. 3029

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 42.1.14 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF MOBILE HOME PARK REGULATIONS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3029 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14a. Telecommunications Coordinator:

Withdrawn.

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CUP 80-4. FORTY CARROTS.

See Page 8.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.

See Page 9.

17b. RESOLUTION re: Contract for Legal Services (Crenshaw Widening).

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MESERVE, MUMPER AND HUGHES, A LAW FIRM, FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN ACQUISITION OF STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN MARICOPA STREET AND CARSON STREET

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-2. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Applegate, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

17c. RESOLUTION re: Design of a Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility.

See Page 9.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - P.C.C. Improvements in Various Locations (B81-17).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACTS for Furnishings for the New Police Facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on "low bid", it is recommended that the City Council award contracts for the purchase and installation to the low bidder in the following manner: Note: See Attachment "B" for Specifics (Of record)

- 1. U.P.I. Planning and Design. . . . \$53,286.74, including tax
1200 S. Olive Street
Los Angeles, CA. 90015
- 2. Western Office Furniture. . . . \$ 346.89, including tax
301 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802
- 3. T.W. McAllister & Associates . . \$ 2,020.25, including tax
6271 Variel Avenue Suite 110
Woodland Hills, CA 91367.
- 4. Harbor Office Supply \$ 3,198.02, including tax
461 W. 6th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items 20a and 20b. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Assistant City Manager Jackson requested Council input relative to the scheduling of hearings, noting that there is no requirement of law which necessitates the half hour interval after convening for consideration of advertised hearing matters -- it is merely a matter of Council policy.

Discussion ensued -- Councilwoman Geissert indicated her concern regarding difficulties which might be presented at the 5:30 P.M. meetings. It was noted that the Council has always made every effort to accommodate interested parties on agenda items.

It was the direction of Mayor Armstrong that Staff review and report back on this matter.

22b. Councilman Applegate extended "Happy New Year" wishes to all present -- like good wishes were expressed by all Councilmembers and the Mayor. (see formal statement - item 22g.)

22c. Councilwoman Geissert commended all those responsible for the outstanding Rose Parade Float for the City of Torrance; a "beautiful job" and a first place prize winner for cities of Torrance's size. Concurred in by Councilman Rossberg.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert expressed concern regarding the future parking arrangements for Del Amo employees who used the Treasury property this year -- what are the contingency plans?

22e. Councilman Rossberg requested that at next year's Rose Parade VIP Night Torrance buses be used.

22f. Councilman Rossberg noted recent Daily Breeze "Letter to the Editor" praising Torrance police officers, and requested that appropriate recognition be given these officers. (Copy of letter was provided Chief Nash.)

22g. Mayor Armstrong's formal New Year's Message was as follows:

"It has become customary and traditional that the person in this chair bring a New Year's greeting in the form of what might be called an overview for the year ahead.

"To begin with, the most important: We will continue to be accessible and sensitive and responsive to people's concerns. Every issue which is before us from the citizen's simplest request for a permit for a garden wall or ground sign to the request of some corporate giant for a proposed land use -- every issue is important -- we believe in open government here where public process and participation is encouraged.

"Second, we will continue in the spirit and practice of a responsible fiscal policy. That means maximum benefit and value for the public dollar consistent with the desired quality and quantity of our public services. Our emphasis should continue to be -- not that we don't spend; rather, that we spend wisely.

"Third, I believe we will continue our endeavors to enhance public safety and to provide the trained people, the equipment and the facilities to keep pace with the urban demand. Our new Police Facility is firm evidence of that commitment, and I hope we can move forward in the matter of meeting additional Fire Station needs west of Hawthorne Boulevard.

"In housing, we remain committed to the objective of decent, safe and sanitary housing for all with relief for our senior citizens and handicapped as our first priority. I hope we will examine every possibility. And as an adjunct to that I think we must continue to press every opportunity at every turn for continued progress in the revitalization of Downtown. It's a slow process -- but we know it is working.

"Almost immediately we will be involved with three critical decisions. The award of the Cable Franchise, the proposal by Park Del Amo and the Election in March.

"Our cable decisions will be carefully thought out by each of us independently -- but when the franchise is awarded, as you know it will be by a vote of 7-0, 6-1, 5-2 or 4-3.

"Once the decision is affirmed, I hope that in the manner of Commission appointments, we will find it possible to cast a unanimous ballot for the victor so that we can better ensure that the ultimate victor will be the people.

"Decision in the Park Del Amo matter will be both emotional and demanding. Many factors are involved and we will need to evaluate each carefully and rationally and to rationalize our decision.

"As for the election in March, I believe the contest will be of the high caliber of recent years -- the focus on the City and its people, and what we have done and are doing and are about to do. I know I speak for each of you in urging the voters to listen and to think and become involved. For the alternative, apathy, as we know, can be a fatal virus to civic spirit.

"Sometime this year we will see completion of major phases of Airport development. I think we must continue to move forward on that program, and I think we must reaffirm our commitment to develop and maintain compatibility in spirit and in practice between the Airport and the surrounding community.

"Finally, there are three issues which will be a special challenge in 1982.

"First, our concerns for the nature and character of land use will not be easily resolved. Growth is essential. But as I have said before -- controlled growth -- planned growth -- not growth rampant. And in 1982 I think new instances of former familiar land uses will be before us for recycling. The planning process is constant.

Second, I think we should do whatever we can to continue our support of the Peripheral Canal. It's called the missing link -- the key link which must be constructed if Torrance and Southern California are to ensure continued essential water supply once the Central Arizona project claims its Colorado River allotment.

"Third, I hope we will take up, with renewed emphasis, the issue of refuse disposal and recycling. With the closing of the Palos Verdes Landfill, we concluded a contract with Western Refuse, a good contract from our viewpoint but at a substantial increase in cost. As public disposal sites diminish in number, costs for disposal will continue to escalate. I think we should consider areawide recycling programs for our residents an important element in dealing with refuse disposal and negative impacts on our environment. Many cities in California are already involved in such programs. Sometime early in the year I will offer a specific request for study, review and recommendations for our consideration.

"1982 will lay its own particular impact on the City and its people. If there are risks -- and there are -- there are challenges as well. I think I speak for us all in saying it is a great time to live in Torrance and to serve for each of us then, and for all -- May 1982 be a GREAT YEAR."

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22h. Mayor Armstrong pointed out the need for decision-making relative to development of the Civic Center, and requested a report regarding same from the City Manager.

The Council now returned to:

15. HEARINGS:

15a. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of Modification of a Conditional Use Permit allowing the addition of a covered patio to an existing restaurant. CUP 80-4, FORTY CARROTS, INC., (Joseph R. Bolker) with property owner's request for hearing to be held on January 5, 1982. PLANNING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTINUANCE TO A TIME CERTAIN JANUARY 26, 1982.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject continued public hearing, with note of the later Staff recommendation this date that this matter be referred back to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Applegate moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to refer Item 15a back to the Planning Commission. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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At 6:12 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency -- the Agency recessed at 6:15 P.M., and at the conclusion of the Council agenda (6:30 P.M.) convened in Joint Executive Session. Agency adjournment was at 7:12 P.M.

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22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.):

22i. Mr. Russell West, 3605 Sara Drive, representing the Torrance Lions Club, requested permission to place identification signs in the vicinity of the Western Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard freeway off ramps.

Discussion ensued regarding a like need for other service clubs as well as Staff review and recommendation regarding the request. Mr. West voiced objections to the "bureaucratic red tape which will involve hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars in order to get a \$50 sign up."

Council action is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved that if the signs are reasonable, and approved by Staff, that the Council grant Mr. West's request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker.

It was the request of Assistant City Manager Jackson that the above motion include a waiver of insurance and that there by an okay from the property owner, if applicable. Councilman Rossberg agreed to add this to the motion; acceptable to Councilman Walker who seconded the motion.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Brown: That the subject matter be referred to Staff. 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.

Mr. West reaffirmed his displeasure with this action.

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Item 17a:
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:30 P.M. the Council recessed in Joint Executive Session with the Redevelopment Agency, returning at 7:10 P.M. to take the following action:

ITEM 17c:
RESOLUTION re: Contract with architects Hugh and Don Gibbs for design of a Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HUGH AND DONALD GIBBS, ARCHITECTS, FOR THE PROVISION OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF A TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY

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Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-3. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the City Manager be authorized to proceed to negotiate for Dominguez Water property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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No Agency action was taken.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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James R. Applegate
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Alice L. Nelson
City Clerk of the City of Torrance