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for Budget Workshop Session No. 1.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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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, June 1, 1982, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: None.

Also present; City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Councilman Wirth led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

See Page 2.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved that the minutes of May 4, 1982, be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None scheduled.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:05 P.M. the Council recessed for the scheduled Executive Session, returning at 5:50 P.M. No action was taken.

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4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Pastor Paul Trout, Calvary Chapel of South Bay.

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8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:

8a. PROCLAMATION - "Park and Recreation Month" - June, 1982.

8b. PROCLAMATION - "Parents without Partners Day" -
June 5, 1982.

8c. PROCLAMATION - "Honor America Days" - the twenty-one days
from Flag Day through Independence Day, 1982.

8d. PROCLAMATION - "Transcendental Meditation Awareness Day" -
June 26, 1982.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

8e. RESOLUTION commending Mr. William Testerman.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MR. WILLIAM TESTERMAN
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS AT THE FAMILY Y

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-117. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:9a. COMPLETION OF CONCESSION/RESTROOM BUILDING -
COLUMBIA PARK.RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

As all items included in the contract, including change orders, have been completed, and the building is now being used by the public, it is recommended that your Honorable Body approve the final retention amount of \$6,000, plus the total amount of \$4,112.50 for change orders, be paid to Dean Chilton Construction, and to accept the building as completed.

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

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. RESOLUTION designating Councilwoman Geissert as voting delegate, League of California Cities Selection Committee re: selecting RTD Board Director.RESOLUTION NO. 82-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING COUNCILWOMAN KATY GEISSERT AS VOTING ALTERNATE TO THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING A DIRECTOR FROM CORRIDOR B TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-119. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. MODIFICATION OF EXISTING DATA PROCESSING MANAGER CLASSIFICATION (NEW TITLE: INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR) AND EXAMINATIONRECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

That your Honorable Body adopt the modified classification specification and concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission that the examination for Information Systems Director be conducted on an open basis.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Personnel Department. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation and Wages, Hours and Working Conditions.

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17b. TRANSMITTAL OF CITY MANAGER'S 1982-83 PROPOSED BUDGET AND SCHEDULING OF WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.

It was the consensus of the Council that Budget Workshops and Public Hearings be scheduled as follows:

Budget Workshops:

Wednesday, June 9, 1982, at 4:30 P.M.

Monday, June 21, 1982, at 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday, June 23, 1982, at 4:30 P.M.

Public Hearings:

First Public Hearing - Tuesday, June 22, 1982
at 7:00 P.M.

Second Public Hearing - Tuesday, June 29, 1982
at 5:30 P.M.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above noted dates, as recommended by the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17c. REFERENDUM ON PARK DEL AMO PROJECT APPROVAL - Consolidation of Special Election with Statewide General Election.

Mayor Armstrong provided an updated report on events which have transpired to date in the subject matter, the options now available to the Council, etc.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to reconsider in the matter of the Park Del Amo Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Wilson, Wirth;
Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg, Walker.

Mayor ARMstrong announced that the matter of Ordinance No. 3036 and Resolution No. 82-45 was now before the Council.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that he does not know of any issue that has been more controversial than the subject project -- the petition that was circulated and the substantial number of signatures obtained attests to the great concern of Torrance residents as to the action of the City Council. Were this pursued further, and a date set for an election, it will cause further strife and will divide the City, per Dr. Wilson -- he added that he had voted for the project initially because he thought it was a good project; for those who want to save the Marsh, this was one way it could have been accomplished. It was the further comment of Councilman Wilson that "the development would provide for the access, the transportation, the traffic that is now so congested...and, as explained in my vote initially, I thought the project was good. However, at the present time, I think that further efforts could be made in terms of refining the project so that there would be some acceptance by at least a majority on both sides of the argument." Following clarification by City Attorney Remelmeyer regarding appropriate procedure, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to repeal Ordinance No. 3036 (zone change ordinance) and Resolution No. 82-45 (General Plan amendment). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

It was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert at this time that even though she was on the other side of the issue from Dr. Wilson at the time of the voting on the zone change and General Plan amendment, his appraisal of the situation is very correct, and to prevent further polarization in the community, this is the most rational way to go about working towards acceptable solutions for all parties concerned without undue delay as represented by an election.

The motion for repeal of the zone change and General Plan amendment CARRIED, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Wilson, Wirth;
Mayor Armstrong.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg, Walker.

It was the comment of Mayor Armstrong that he had voted against the original proposal, it being his thought at the time that there was some scaling and carving down that could be done, but that position did not prevail. The Mayor then added: "I have said all the while the process and the decision was taken responsibly, even though I was on the losing side. There was

every opportunity for every quarter of the community to be heard at a number of public meetings, and I would defy anyone to say that they didn't have a chance to be heard. The arguments were given, pro and con, in public, in the light of day, even exchange, where we had a chance on either side to argue and separate truth from falsehood. And so finally we came down to the point of making the decision, and the decision was made. Every time you vote 'no' somebody gets mad at you; every time you vote 'yes' somebody gets mad at you, and that happens to you individually and it happens to you collectively as a body. But that's the responsibility that we have, and it belongs to no one else in these Chambers in this City but those of us who sit here. In my judgment and my experience we exercise that responsibility with great caution and with great concern, and, more often than not, on a broad community-wide kind of basis."

The role of this issue in the recent election was also reviewed by Mayor Armstrong, as were the efforts to find some common ground of accommodation.

Added by the Mayor:

....."I would caution you that if this Council, or any future Council, must, after a full, open process, turn to the electorate at large of 129,000 people and ask for ratification, in between election days, then you don't need a City Council. What you need instead is a highly trained elite group of shoe clerks who will act in a very narrow base of special interests."

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The hour being 6:15 P.M., Mayor Armstrong ordered a 5-minute recess.

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Considered by the Council at this time:

21. ADDENDUM ITEM:

21a. REPORT REGARDING SUFFICIENCY OF THE REFERENDUM PETITION
PROTESTING ADOPTION OF CITY OF TORRANCE ORDINANCE NO. 3039.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That your Honorable Body:

1. Accept the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency.
2. Set a meeting date, within a reasonable period of time, for the purpose of reconsidering Ordinance No. 3039 relating to the ban on Fireworks in the City of Torrance.

It was the request of Councilman Applegate that City Attorney Remelmeyer research whether or not it would be within the authority of the City to enact other ordinances setting different times for the sale and use of fireworks -- as an example, July 4th only for the sale and use.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to accept the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to set the meeting date of June 15, 1982, for reconsideration of Ordinance 3039. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Council now returned to:

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

17d. CABLE TELEVISION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY:

That your Honorable Body grant the following time extensions for the execution of the Cable Television Memorandum of Understanding (of record):

Paragraph 1, Sections A,C,D,E and F
30-day extension (July 9, 1982)

Paragraph 1, Sections B,G &H
90-day extension (September 7, 1982)

Councilman Applegate inquired regarding the price structure -- what is the price guarantee period? Mr. Larry Windsor, 18039 Prairie Avenue, representing Group W, responded that under the proposal it was two years from the award, or two years from commencement of construction, whichever is later. It was the request of Mr. Applegate that there be specific input re: guarantees on the price and the length of time.

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

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Civic Center Drive between Madrona Avenue and Maple Avenue - B81-90.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

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

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Capital Projects Administrator McKinnon reviewed the proposed new Transit Facility, noting renderings on display for the benefit of the Council.

22b. Councilman Applegate noted recent tragic events in Torrance -- the arson fire on 182nd Street and the shooting on Torrance Boulevard -- and warmly commended the efforts of the Police and Fire Departments. Councilman Rossberg joined in this praise.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert pointed out recent news article recommending Torrance Beach as an overnight camp site, and urged strong opposition to this "ridiculous" recommendation.

It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that a formal position, in writing be prepared for Council action.

22d. Councilwoman Geissert discussed the need for an Alternate Member of the L.A. County Transportation Commission, with note of correspondence pertaining to same.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Council support Mr. Tom Perkins as the Alternate for the L.A. County Transportation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22e. Councilman Rossberg commended Mr. Bill Gilchrist, retiring president of the Rotary; and Mr. Bill Henderson, new president of the Historical Society.

Further congratulations were offered by Mr. Rossberg to Councilman Applegate, the new Chairman of the Board of Managers of the YMCA.

22f. Mayor Armstrong requested appropriate recognition for Curtis Olson for his accomplishments while associated with the Chamber of Commerce.

22g. Mayor Armstrong conveyed the appreciation of the March of Dimes for the City's participation in their recent Walk-a-thon, per recent communication from this organization.

22h. It was the further request of Mayor Armstrong that there be appropriate recognition for Barry Buss, CIF singles champion, along with like recognition for the school and the student coach.

22i. Mayor Armstrong referred back to Item 17c - Referendum on Park Del Amo Project - and offered the following added comments, for the record: "One of the stumbling blocks all the while, it seems to me, has been that despite the popular assumption, we have been dealing with private property. Despite the fact that we have said that all the while, there are those who have argued that we own the property - the City - or there are those who have argued we have the power somehow to take that property without the commands of just compensation and due process under the rules of the Constitution. I have never believed that we have had that power; I don't believe it now. And I would say to those who worry about future development on that site and future course of action and the future of the open space that is there, the sooner we begin with the premise that we are dealing with private property and the power of the City is not without its limits, the more apt we are to have some kind of success."

22j. Councilman Applegate requested that Staff contact participants in the Manhattan Beach Oldtime Fair in order to establish a mailing list of outstanding artisans and craftsmen.

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17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:03 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 7:40 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the Council authorize settlement of the Schimmel/Thermos cases in the amounts recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

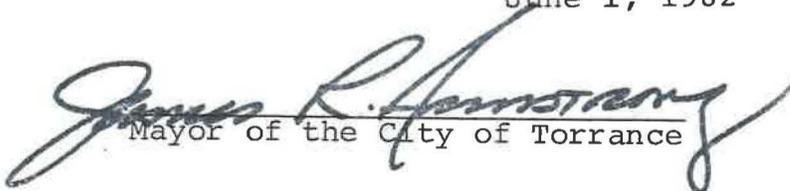
At 7:42 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Wednesday, June 9, 1982, at 4:30 P.M. for Budget Workshop Session No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance