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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 27, 1982, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilman Wilson (out of town).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:05 P.M. the Council recessed for the scheduled Executive Session, returning at 7:00 P.M. to proceed with the regular Council agenda.

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3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Judy Dishon led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father Patrick McHugh, Nativity Catholic Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

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

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Community Planning:

Rescheduled for August 12th at 5:00 P.M. for continuing discussion re: floor area ratios.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. RESOLUTION honoring retired Senior Volunteer Program Director Barbara Colbert.RESOLUTION NO. 82-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DIRECTOR, BARBARA COLBERT, FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-183. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Walker, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

This Resolution of Commendation was graciously accepted by Mrs. Colbert.

8b. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO MICHELLE WILSON.

Held for one week.

8c. RESOLUTION in support of Torrance Council PTA Grant Application.RESOLUTION NO. 82-184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE TORRANCE COUNCIL PTA GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL PTA SAFETY BELT PROGRAM

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-184. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

9. LIBRARY/PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

9a. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED DESIGN OF TORRANCE'S ROSE FLOAT FOR 1983 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Torrance Rose Float Association recommends your approval of the design by C.E. Bent and Company for the 1983 Rose Float in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Mrs. Georgean Griswold, president, Torrance Rose Float Association, displayed the rendering of the 1983 Rose Float -- the "Birth of our Heritage" -- and provided the background history of Rose Parade Floats as related to the City of Torrance, as well as the specific history surrounding the 1983 Float. Ms. Griswold then introduced the designer of the 1983 Float - Doris Green.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Torrance Rose Float Association, and requested appropriate recognition for Doris Green. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

9b. DONATION TO TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY BY THE TORRANCE LIONS CLUB.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Library Department and Library Commission recommend that your Honorable Body accept, with thanks, the donation of \$600.00 from the Torrance Lions Club for the "Books on Tape" program.

Presentation of the donation was made by Mr. Perry, on behalf of the Torrance Lions Club -- the check was most gratefully accepted by Mayor Armstrong, on behalf of the Council and the City.

9c. RESOLUTION re: Agreement re: Costs and Labor for Rose Parade Float.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE
TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION SHARING
COSTS AND FOR FURNISHING LABOR NECESSARY
FOR THE DECORATING OF A FLOAT IN THE
1983 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-185. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

- 9d. RESOLUTION re: Application for Grant Funds - Phase III - Charles H. Wilson Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE ROBERTI-Z'BERG URBAN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PROGRAM FOR CHARLES H. WILSON PARK - PHASE III

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-186. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

- 10a. RESOLUTION authorizing Execution of FY 1981-82 UMTA Grant Contract for Section 5 Transit Operating Assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION FOR TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR FY 1981-82

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-187. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Walker; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

11. POLICE AND FIRE MATTERS:11a. RENEWAL OF POLICE/DIVERSION TREATMENT SERVICE CONTRACTS.RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE:

That City Council approve these treatment service contracts; per Staff communication (of record), so that needed assistance to our troubled youth and families can continue. (Not to exceed a total of \$40,400.)

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

13. ENVIRONMENTAL/BUILDING & SAFETY MATTERS:13a. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE re: Political Signs.ORDINANCE NO. 3044

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 88.6.8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF A POLITICAL SIGN; TO EXPAND THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH A POLITICAL SIGN CAN BE POSTED PRIOR TO AND SUBSEQUENT TO AN ELECTION; AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF UNSAFE POLITICAL SIGNS; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 3044 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

15. HEARINGS:15a. CHANGE OF NAME - TOLEDO STREET TO 223RD STREET.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on the name change of Toledo Street to 223rd Street.

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

It was affirmed that no additional written protests had been received -- written protests received are of record.

Mayor Armstrong then invited those who wished to be heard to come forward at this time.

Speaking in opposition to the proposed street name change were: Mr. Bob Lee, president, Local Data, 2701 Toledo Street (presented petition with 108 signatures of protest); Mr. Sam Suitt, president, Friends of Madrona Marsh, 1745 Maple Avenue; Ms. Elizabeth Shaw, 24014 Janet Lane; Ms. Georgean Griswold, 244 Avenida Atezada; Mr. Karl Fechner, 20695 Western Avenue; and Ms. Merle Clark, part-owner of Systems Cable Products in the Toledo-Monterey industrial center. Objections were based on "bad timing;" costly printing charges for address changes on literature, stationery, etc.; detrimental economic impacts; impact on Madrona Marsh area; pending EIR considerations; overall concerns re: complete extension of 223rd Street as related to Wilson Park, Madrona Avenue, etc.

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

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the proposed street name change represented an expensive impact on present occupants (stationery, advertising, telephone directory, etc.) as well as resultant confusion surrounding such a change.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to TABLE Item 15a. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

15b. SPRING 1982 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on confirmation of the Spring 1982 Weed Abatement Program, showing the costs to be assessed to the property owners listed thereon.

An Affidavit of Posting was presented by City Clerk Babb. Councilman Applegate MOVED to receive and file said Affidavit. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

It was ascertained that there are no written objections.

Mayor Armstrong 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 Councilman Walker, 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 Councilman Rossberg. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-188

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 1982 (WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1982-83)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-188. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

15c. HO 82-26, WILLIAM FELBURG: Appeal of Planning Commission Denial of a Request for a Home Occupation Permit to allow the operation of a property management business in the R-1 zone at 2511 West 233rd Street.

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

The appellant, Mr. William Felburg, 2511 West 233rd Street, read aloud communications submitted by him in support of the requested Home Occupation Permit (this written material is of official record). His critical need for the subject Permit was stressed by Mr. Felburg.

At Councilman Applegate's question, Mr. Felburg acknowledged that he was required to have a business license for apartment buildings owned by him in the City of Downey.

There being no one else 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).

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for DENIAL OF THE APPEAL. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION - See Page 14.

17b. IMPACTS OF PHYSICAL GROWTH ON THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That you study this report on the Impacts of Physical Growth on Torrance (either as an entire City Council or through one of your Council Committees) to determine specific elements and impacts which you believe require additional study and discussion. When these elements and impacts are identified, I recommend that you then assign the Planning Commission to coordinate a revision of the General Plan. The revision process would include your initial input, recommendations from City Staff and City Commissions, and workshops for participation of the citizens of Torrance.

My Staff stands ready to provide whatever assistance is necessary to accomplish this General Plan revision. As an organization, this project is most important for our future operations and the future of our community.

Staff presentation was provided by Management Assistant McClain.

Councilwoman Geissert recommended that there be a review of the general goals by the Council as a whole or by a Council Committee, followed by assignment to appropriate Commissions after said review. Councilman Walker noted the current considerations re: density ratios by the Community Planning Committee; the result of these deliberations will have bearing on the subject matter -- Mr. Walker at this time is not ready to accept the recommendation of the City Manager; he would prefer to take the Physical Growth document at this time and use it as a reference in current committee discussions.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to receive and file the subject report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Speaking at this time, Mrs. Jo-Anne Waller, president, League of Women Voters, indicated their concurrence with the recommendation of the City Manager -- further, that citizen participation be assured by way of a General Plan Citizens' Advisory Board. Also, that there be citizen education on the changes that have occurred, their impacts, and a range of possible solutions via citizen workshops and forums, a City speakers' bureau, newspaper articles, water bill announcements, Citywide newsletter, etc. The League welcomes the opportunity to participate in the updating of the General Plan, per Mrs. Waller.

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Councilwoman Geissert commented that the tremendous amount of information accumulated for this subject should not be allowed to just drop without any further discussion. A "community workshop" was suggested by Mrs. Geissert, along with further review, which would result in some conclusion as to where to go from here. Council Committee review, rather than the above outlined approach, was recommended by Mayor Armstrong.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That the subject document be referred to the Community Planning and Design Committee for further direction. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, BUT FAILED TO CARRY, WITH TIE VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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

It was the added comment of Councilman Walker that, with his "receive and file" motion, he would not be opposed to study of this document at the conclusion of the Community Planning Committee's review re: density ratios.

Another SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wirth: That this matter be tabled until a full Council is present. THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Councilman Walker's MAIN MOTION, to receive and file was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

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Considered by the Council, out of order:

- 17e. RESOLUTION re: Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding to accompany Cable Television Franchise Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GROUP W CABLE, INC. AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO THE CITY'S CABLE TV FRANCHISE

Councilman Applegate moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 82-189. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

- 17f. AWARD OF CONTRACT - To purchase 1 Offset Printing Press, Multilith 1250 (Budgeted)
Expenditure: \$10,359.26, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council award a contract for the purchase of the replacement budgeted Multilith Offset Printing Press to AM MULTIGRAPHIC, of Anaheim, California, at a "Special GSA" price in the total amount of \$10,359.26, including tax.

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

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 20a. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Purchase of 50 Fire Fighting, Air Breathing, Lightweight Cylinders.
Expenditure: \$16,837.65, including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER:

That Council award a contract for the purchase of 50 budgeted special "lightweight" air cylinders as requested by the Fire Department directly to the manufacturer of the tanks - the Mine Safety Appliance Company as the sole supplier of these tanks - in the total amount of \$16,837.65, including tax.

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20b. RENEWAL OF BUS PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 31, 1982 TO JULY 31, 1983.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION: That your Honorable Body approve the proposal from Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to insure the bus fleet for physical damage for 1982-1983 at an annual cost of \$29,782.00. Funds for this insurance have been included in the 1982-1983 budget.

20c. RENEWAL OF BOILER AND MACHINERY INSURANCE FOR PERIOD JULY 31, 1982 TO JULY 31, 1983.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:
That City Council approve the renewal of Boiler and Machinery insurance for the 1982-1983 year with Chubb/Pacific Indemnity Group at a cost of \$9,847.00. Funds for this insurance have been included in the 1982-83 Budget.

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

17d. LIABILITY INSURANCE WAIVER FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:
That the City Council uphold the insurance requirement.

Mr. Larry Goetschel, 2505 Cabrillo Avenue, requested waiver of liability insurance requirements for the "Truck Rodeo" scheduled for September 12th (communication of record).

Lieutenant Jones of the National Guard commented on the lack of community knowledge regarding this organization -- they have never been invited to the Armed Forces Day Parade. Ms. Jones reaffirmed the above request for waiver of liability insurance requirements, noting that the National Guard would be willing to offer the City a "hold harmless" agreement. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that this would be an acceptable arrangement.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to waive the insurance requirement, subject to the provision of a "hold harmless" agreement to the City of Torrance by the National Guard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

17c. EXTENSION OF GROUND LEASE TERMS FOR ROLLING HILLS
PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER.

RECOMMENDATION

The Land Management Team recommends that Your Honorable Body take the following action:

- 1) Consider and approve the extension of the ground lease for Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center for another twenty-one (21) years for a total of fifty (50) years and the revised rent package, terms and conditions as discussed and detailed in the attached transmittal.
- 2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare a revised lease agreement based on the approved terms and conditions and submit to Your Honorable Body for final approval.

Staff presentation was provided by Land Management Team Executive Officer Ng.

Representing Hahn Devcorp, Mr. Bill Krauch, 9 Harbor Site Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, requested Council approval of the basic terms and conditions of the ground lease that they have negotiated with the Land Management Team. Such approval would facilitate the rehabilitation of the shopping center (well overdue) and would derive the outlined benefits. Mr. Krauch provided the background history of Hahn Devcorp, and outlined proposed improvements.

Council discussion ensued -- reviewed were the substantial considerations in a transaction of this nature: current revenue from the subject land; revenues from other leased City land; future value to the City of the subject property; "first right of refusal" aspects; the time factor; etc. City Manager Ferraro responded to the above discussion.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Land Management Team, subject to "the first right of refusal will be modified to a competitive bid," and Hahan Devcorp would have the right to match the highest bid. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Mr. Krauch indicated concurrence with the above stated action.

It was the opinion of Councilman Rossberg, concurred in by City Attorney Remelmeyer, that there should be further review of this matter by a Council Committee in view of the apparent need for further negotiation.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Applegate: That this matter be referred to the Finance Committee. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. City Manager Ferraro announced the appointment of Mr. Larry Solomon as Information Systems Director. Congratulations were extended by the Council.

22b. Councilman Applegate noted the now vacant Prudential Insurance Company office in Downtown Torrance, and requested Staff investigation re: possible expansion of the Bartlett Center on a temporary basis.

22c. Councilwoman Geissert advised that Mrs. Becky Remelmeyer recently retired from the Sheriff's Department, after twenty-two years in law enforcement. Appropriate recognition by the Council for this illustrious Torrance resident was requested by Mrs. Geissert -- this met with the unanimous concurrence of the Council.

22d. Councilman Rossberg commended Staff (particularly Management Assistant McClain) on the Physical Growth Study (Item 17b) -- Councilman Walker joined in like praise.

22e. Councilman Rossberg noted the likely need for Staff follow-through with interested parties on the Toledo/223rd Street matter (Item 15a).

22f. Councilman Rossberg expressed appreciation to the City Manager and the City Clerk for the valuable material provided him for his recent trip to Denmark.

22g. Councilman Walker advised that he would be absent from the August 3rd Council meeting; he will review the agenda on Friday re: possible items of interest to him.

22h. Councilman Wirth reported on the very successful opening of the RTD/Torrance Transit System Information Center.

22i. Mr. Harvey Horwich, Park and Recreation Commission, extended an invitation to the Council to attend a picnic at Torrance Park on Sunday, August 1st, in recognition of the "Year of Disabled Persons."

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17a. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:05 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 11:05 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur in a two-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Torrance Police Officers Association, subject to TPOA signing same by Thursday of this week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur in principle with Memorandum of Intent with the Torrance Fire Fighters Association and the City of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to authorize reallocation of budgeted funds for the position of Budget Officer to Special Assistant to the City Manager in the City Manager's office. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ADJOURNMENT:

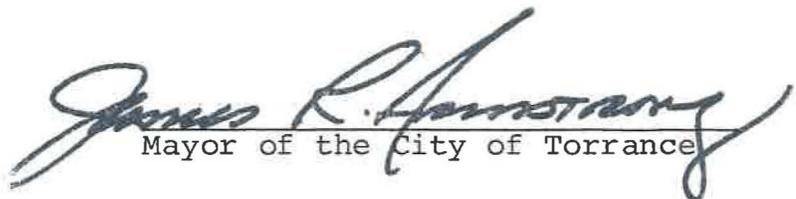
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:07 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance