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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 1980, 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. Absent: Councilman Applegate (vacation).

Also present: City Manager Ferraro and Staff representatives.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Leo Coleman led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Father McHugh, Nativity Catholic Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 1980, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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 absent).

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

None scheduled.

8. COMMUNITY MATTERS:8a. PRESENTATION OF TWO STATE FLAGS.

Representing Assemblyman Felando, Ms. Isabel Moore presented two State flags which have flown over the State Capitol to replace flags at the Bartlett Senior Center and Recreation Center. These flags were gratefully accepted by Mr. Leo Coleman and Mayor Armstrong.

8b. PROCLAMATION - Veterans Administration 50th Anniversary Day8c. PROCLAMATION - Youth Soccer Week - July 14-20, 1980.

So proclaimed by Mayor Armstrong.

10. TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:10a. RESOLUTION re: Dial-A-Lift Fare.RESOLUTION NO. 80-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING FARES FOR
THE TORRANCE TRANSIT DIAL-A-LIFT SERVICE
EFFECTIVE JULY 21, 1980

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-135. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

10b. SERVICE ROAD MEDIAN - Western Avenue north of 234th Street.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

1. That \$23,000 be appropriated from Action Plan Program No. 44P (City Gas Tax).
2. That design and construction of the median beautification proceed immediately.

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

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12. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:12a. RESOLUTION re: Opposition to Senate Bill 1838 (Marks).RESOLUTION NO. 80-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING PASSAGE OF
SENATE BILL 1838 (MARKS) CONCERNING PRE-
EMPTION OF LOCAL CONTROL OF APARTMENT
CONVERSIONS TO CONDOMINIUMS

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-136. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent). (Further comments re: Item 12a. - See Page 4.)

12b. RESOLUTION re: Senate Bill 462 (Dills) re: Outdoor Advertising.RESOLUTION NO. 80-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING PASSAGE OF
SENATE BILL 462 (DILLS) CONCERNING STATE
PREEMPTION OF CITY CONTROL OF BILLBOARDS
AND OTHER SIGNS

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-137. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Noted was Supplementary Material wherein Staff recommended that this opposition be expressed to the Governor rather than members of the State Assembly.

Further Staff input regarding S.B. 1656 (Foran) and Staff-^(memo of record) recommended opposition thereto was noted -- desired clarification was provided by Acting Planning Associate Bihn. Councilman Rossberg MOVED to concur with Staff re: S.B. 1656. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

Item 12a.

At this point, Councilman Rossberg returned to the contents of Resolution No. 80-136 and the reference to "40 percent of the tenants".....noting that that has been changed, directing that it be moved down and reference be made to it.

Considered, out of order:

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:14a. APPEAL OF ALAN GAYDA - dismissed Police Officer.

Attorney John Furay, representing Mr. Gayda, requested a two-week continuance because of a change in law firms and the need to obtain possession of appropriate files. There were no objections to the request by Civil Service Administrator Ghio and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

The Council now returned to:

12c. ORDINANCE re: Building Restrictions in the R-P zone.ORDINANCE NO. 2967

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 91.10.12 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE R-P ZONE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2965 RELATING TO THE SAME PURPOSE

Councilman Walker moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2967 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

14b. FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.RECOMMENDATION OF FIRE CHIEF:

That your Honorable Body:

1. Abolish the present budgeted position of Deputy Fire Chief.

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2. Establish one additional authorized budget position of Fire Battalion Chief to be assigned to the 40-hour work week to perform the duties of and be known as the Administrative Chief, to receive a premium of 5% and 10% above base hourly pay, on a yearly step plan basis exclusive of any longevity pay of the appropriate classification.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Fire Chief. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

15. HEARINGS:

Held later in the meeting - See Page 8.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- 17a. RESOLUTION re: Airport Hangar Lease - Welch/Reynolds.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF HANGAR LEASE (HANGAR SITE NO. 7, 2743-D AIRPORT DRIVE) FROM THOMAS H. WELCH AND VIOLET E. WELCH TO RAY S. REYNOLDS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-138. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

- 17b. RESOLUTION re: Airport Hangar Lease - Francis/Gaudenti

RESOLUTION NO. 80-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF ONE AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE OF EARL W. FRANCIS AND ALESANDRA FRANCIS TO ALAN M. GAUDENTI (2763-M Airport Drive)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-139. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

17c. GOLF FEES AT SEA-AIRE GOLF COURSE.REQUEST OF TORRANCE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL:

That the golf fees at Sea-Aire Golf Course be retained at the present rate of 55¢ per round.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

If Council concurs with the request from the Senior Citizens Council to freeze the golf fees for seniors at the current rate of 55¢ per round, it is recommended that a minute motion be made and adopted in order to amend Resolution No. 79-19 by excluding senior citizen discount golf fees from fee adjustment resulting from annual increases in the Producers Price Index.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to reconsider this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to grant the above stated request of the Senior Citizens Council and to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

18. SECOND READING ORDINANCES:18a. ORDINANCE NO. 2964.ORDINANCE NO. 2964

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE DISPLAY OF NARCOTICS PARAPHERNALIA TO MINORS

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2964 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Applegate absent).

18b. ORDINANCE NO. 2966.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER PIPE LINES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2966 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Rossberg, Walker,
Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown (for reasons previously
stated)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate.

20. CONSENT CALENDAR:

20a. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT NO. 34872.
Subdivider: Ikezawa, et al
Location: 2612-2626 Cabrillo Avenue
No. of Lots: 1 (8-unit condominium)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:
That Final Tract Map No. 34872 be approved.

20b. AWARD OF CONTRACT for the Renovation of the Monte D'Oro Street Lighting System.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:
That the contract for this project be awarded to Grissom and Johnson, Inc. for \$49,540, and that all other bids be rejected.

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

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The Council now returned to:

15. HEARINGS:

Considered first:

- 15b. V 80-2, FETU AO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a Variance to allow the expansion of a legal nonconforming use with off-street parking in an R-3 zoned portion of the Downtown Redevelopment District at 1547 Marcelina Avenue. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND DENIAL OF APPEAL.

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

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing.

The proponent, Mila Maefau, 22328 Denker Street, requested continuance of this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to continue the subject item to August 5, 1980, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

- 15a. PP 80-9, RON AND LINDA WHITEHEAD. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a one and two-story addition to a single-family residence in the R-1 zone at 313 Via Linda Vista. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND DENIAL OF APPEAL.

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

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the continued public hearing in this matter, and, following Staff presentation by Acting Planning Associate Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

The proponent, Mr. Ron Whitehead, described their need for the proposed addition and expressed his opinion that there is not substantial view blockage affecting adjoining properties.

Dr. Lawrence Parker, 683 Calle Miramar, reaffirmed the protests (of record) of the "Concerned Citizens of Calle Mayor/Miramar", and reported on his extensive research in this matter. Architectural alternatives were recommended by Dr. Parker.

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Mr. Harry Mekjian, 401 Calle Mayor, noted that the Hillside Ordinance does not define "significant" as it relates to view blockage, and stated that he greatly enjoys the open spaciousness of living in the Riviera. The Council should preserve this type of arrangement, per Mr. Mekjian.

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

Council discussion ensued -- Councilwoman Geissert reviewed early day construction in the Riviera, adding that in cases where it is possible to modify or expand a house without going up, that is what should be done. General Council concurrence was indicated.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to grant the subject appeal and DENY PP 80-9 without prejudice; further, that any revised plan be allowed to go back to the Planning Commission without the necessity of paying refiling fees. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

15b. V 80-2, FETU AO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

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15c. ZC 79-22, TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. Request for approval of a change of zone from P-U to R-1 in the Hillside Overlay District at 25660 Crenshaw Boulevard. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing. Building and Safety Director McKinnon reported that a meeting has been scheduled with residents and School and City representatives to be in attendance to review the slope problems of record.

Comments from the audience were invited by the Mayor.

Mr. David Cornwell, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, attorney representing six of the residents adjacent to the Hillside School property ^{stated} these residents object to the proposed zone change and further feel that the School District should meet its responsibilities to the community by repairing the slope before they pass the problem on to a developer who may sit with the property for an undetermined length of time.

Continuing, Mr. Cornwell stated that the City is mandated by the Environmental Quality Act to require an Environmental Impact Report before allowing a zone change that will have a significant effect on the environment -- changing from a school site to R-1 will most certainly have a significant effect. A Negative Declaration is not appropriate in this matter, per Mr. Cornwell; an EIR should be required -- without the requirement of an EIR this likely would be an illegal zone change.

It was the response of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Council had previously considered the question of the EIR and determined that there was no significant effect on the environment with regards to the zone change, it being the intention of the Council that later, when there is development, to impose the EIR requirement.

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

It was the comment of Councilman Walker that, in his opinion, the School Board is acting in good faith regarding the slope stability; the City is acting in good faith in

dealing with the residents in the area -- further, the density has been reduced from RTH to R-1, and that is an appropriate zoning.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 79-22, change of zone from P-U to R-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

There was discussion regarding a Precise Plan requirement, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to direct Staff to prepare an ordinance which would adopt an amendment to the zoning ordinance requiring a Precise Plan in this type of case, to be returned to Council at the earliest opportunity, with appropriate advertising and notification to all interested parties. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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15d. CUP 80-18, U.S. GYPSUM COMPANY. Appeal of Planning Commission condition of approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the expansion of existing industrial facilities in the M-2 zone at 401 Van Ness Avenue. PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND DENIAL OF APPEAL.

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

Mayor Armstrong announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, noting that the condition being appealed relates to removal of the "slag pile" by the year 1988. Comments were invited by the Mayor.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon noted efforts to dispose of the material, the County having said they were willing to accept certain of the materials from the "slag pile".

Representing the U.S. Gypsum Company, Attorney Peter Stoterau, 3535 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, (also present: Maurice Michelberg, Works Manager for U.S. Gypsum plant), requested deletion of Planning Commission condition #2: "That a schedule for removal of the slag pile by 1988 shall be provided to the satisfaction of the City." Mr. Stoterau reviewed the costly aspects of such removal, the difficulties of finding an appropriate location, the legality of such a condition in that it is unrelated to the proposed expansion, proposed mitigating measures regarding the slag pile, etc. Mr. Michelberg advised of discussions with County officials regarding the above referred to disposal of the slag pile materials, and stated that this would prove even more costly than hauling same to Irwindale. Extensive efforts to solve the problem were also outlined by Mr. Michelberg.

Council discussion ensued - it was the general consensus of the Council that the project should go forward but that the slag pile must go.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilwoman Geissert moved that the hearing be closed. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to DENY THE APPEAL. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Rossberg: To continue this matter to August 12, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. to obtain further input regarding the relocation of the slag material -- the time factor, the cost, etc. The substitute

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motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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The hour being 7:20 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning at 7:21 P.M. A 10-minute recess followed.

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21. ADDENDUM MATTER:

21a. RESOLUTION re: Torrance Police Facilities Building.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL RENTAL PAYMENT PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION 80-131, ADOPTED ON JULY 8, 1980 FOR THE TORRANCE POLICE FACILITIES BUILDING

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 80-140. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22a. Councilman Brown requested Staff review and input re: pending legislation (S.506), per memorandum distributed by him. It was the suggestion of Councilman Rossberg, concurred in by the Council, that input be expedited to the Senate Committee hearing on this matter.

22b. Councilwoman Geissert recommended that Council consideration be given the feasibility of the City sponsoring a community fireworks display at the Torrance High School stadium, open to the public, with a small entry fee -- this to be preceded with some sort of a community fair or festival at Wilson Park, with space being made available to community non-profit groups to set up booths for the sale of food, etc. Appropriate Staff reports will be provided in response to this suggestion.

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22c. Councilman Rossberg warmly commended the production of "Guys and Dolls", and all responsible are deserving of much praise.

22d. Councilman Wilson noted that the Sister City Association again received a special Achievement Award, to be presented in San Diego -- a letter of commendation to the Sister City Association would be in order.

22e. Mayor Armstrong reviewed pending meetings of the L.A. County Transportation Commission, and recommended that they be monitored -- a recommendation regarding the plan should be made.

22f. Appropriate recognition for Pat Klein, retiring Youth Council Commissioner, was requested by Mayor Armstrong.

22g. Ms. Eva Bisou, P.O. Box 3644, Torrance, expressed her support for all City employees -- they are outstanding and a real credit to the City of Torrance.

22h. Ms. Mary Perry, 1414 Cravens Avenue, called attention to A.B. 1199 -- Staff will review same.

22i. Christine Downey, vice president, Torrance Library Employees Association, reported on "Area Survey of Budgets and Wages in the Los Angeles County and Torrance Library System" (written report, of record).

22j. Ms. Pauline Greer, president, AEFSCME, Local #1117, noted the attendance of its membership at this meeting.

22k. Ms. Patricia Unangst, president, TPSA, presented the requests of this Association (per written communication, of record).

Mayor Armstrong advised that the above requests re: salary increases and adjustments will be sincerely taken under advisement.

At 8:00 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session. On its return at 10:30 P.M. the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur in the Ad Hoc Committee report on executive, exempt and elected compensation, subject to certain modifications, to begin July 14, 1980. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

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MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur in the proposal of TCEA, subject to the Resolution based upon an offer authorized by TCEA on July 14, 1980, to commence that date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Applegate absent).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

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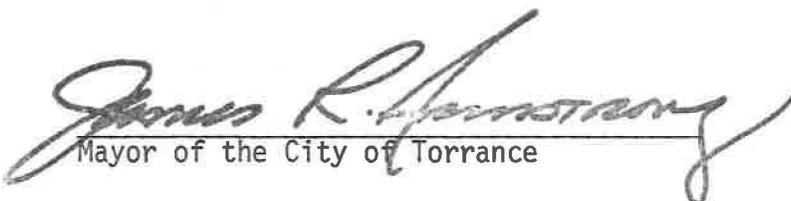
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