

June 5, 1974

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 Wednesday, June 5, 1974, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Armstrong, Surber, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at the meeting at 5:50 P.M. (It was necessary for Councilman Surber to leave at 6:20 P.M.) Absent: Councilmen Uerkwitz and Wilson (out of the City.)

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, Deputy Attorney Berman, City Clerk Coil, City Treasurer Rupert, Finance Director Dundore, Assistant Finance Director Rankin, and Budget Officer Ng.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Treasurer Rupert led in the salute to the flag.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION:

A. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER RE: FINANCING OF AUGMENTED
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM.

City Manager Ferraro provided the requested report re: various alternative methods of financing a second paramedic unit to be operated by the Fire Department (per June 5, 1974 memorandum of record).

It was the general consensus of those present that they would look with favor upon such a second paramedic unit, the recommended manner of financing being Alternative #1: _ "Use of additional Revenue Sharing Funds for specific replacement of fire truck (\$134,800) and Fire Department station wagon (\$4,500) with difference to come from reserve for contingencies."

B. COMMISSION REQUESTS AND REPORTS:

Civil Service Commission: Chairman Max Kelly noted this Commission's tight budget, the deleted position of Sr. Personnel Analyst, and the pressing demands in the area of "proof of testing validity", urging that this be given serious attention in the not too distant future.

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It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that this matter be reviewed by the Council Civil Service Committee in order to frame out the parameters of the problem.

Ad Hoc Bus Committee: Task Force member Ruth Liddell reported their recommendation that the Torrance Municipal Bus System be retained as presently constituted.

Bike Path Committee: Jeff Tasker requested that there be positive action taken relative to the formation of a Bike Path along Torrance Boulevard. Mrs. Meri Jo McMullen provided further input in this regard, with the request that Staff time for engineering, etc. be approved, along with research as to methods of financing.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that City Manager Ferraro report back in this matter as to the feasibility thereof -- City Treasurer Rupert indicated that he would check out avenues of financing.

C. Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mrs. Janet Pryor, president, Torrance League of Women Voters, complimented Staff on the new budget format -- League concern is that it may make it more difficult for the lay citizen to single out specific services to be added or deleted. The League has an on-going commitment to adequate service, planned and funded by the City, and they are concerned with the potential for erosion of service levels.

Another item of concern, per Mrs. Pryor, is capital improvements -- capital improvements cannot be left to "windfalls from sales revenue over the budget projections or from the Federal Government."

D. REVENUE SOURCES.

Finance Director Dundore outlined proposed sources of additional revenue, it being agreed that more detailed consideration and action would occur at forthcoming budget sessions.

Staff reports on the following were requested: Exemption from the Utility Users' Tax for Senior Citizens, incorporating information re: a level between poverty and intermediate financial situations, as well as information pertaining to the mechanics of the operation. Consideration of such exemption on an increment basis likewise should be reviewed.

Also requested was a report on refuse collection fees and "Start Service" fees charged in other cities.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:55 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Friday, June 7, 1974, at 5:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and approval was unanimous (Absent: Councilmen Surber, Verkwitz, and Wilson).

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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