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Minute Secretary

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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, February 15, 1972, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert (illness).

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Doug Hedde led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend R.W. Kornegay, First Church of the Nazarene, led in the salute to the flag.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Johnson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the Clerk has given 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 Councilman 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 proved unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee:

February 18th meeting cancelled; will now meet at 6 P.M. on February 22nd.

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Police, Fire, and Public Safety:
Meeting scheduled for next week cancelled.

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This being JUNIOR CITIZENS DAY, Mayor Miller welcomed the high school representatives present to serve as Junior Officials of the City of Torrance at this meeting -- they were introduced by the Council and commended for their interest and participation in local government.

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On behalf of the West Torrance Region of the American Youth Soccer Organization, Mr. Carroll Terry extended a cordial invitation to the Council to attend an A.Y.S.O. Award Ceremony on Saturday, March 4, 1972, at West High Football Stadium.

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PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE to the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc. on its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary as an incorporated nonprofit organization.

Present to accept this commendation from Mayor Miller were Messrs. Jim Davidson and Norman Bailey, along with members of the Torrance Area Youth Band.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. "National Beauty Salon Week" - February 13-19, 1972.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. Ordinance re: Home Occupation Permits.

Withdrawn, at the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer; to be returned at a future date.

12. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FENCE ORDINANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION/PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

That Council adopt the amended ordinance, leaving out the word HEDGE (Section 92.13.1.2.e)2.).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of a contract for appraisal services between the City and Howard S. Martin & Associates for the extension of Emerald Street and appropriating funds therefor.

It was pointed out by City Manager Ferraro that the Section 2 paragraph of the resolution should read "Section 2107" (instead of 2106).

RESOLUTION NO. 72-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND HOWARD S. MARTIN & ASSOCIATES FOR THE EXTENSION OF EMERALD STREET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 72-34, as above amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber (For reasons previously stated).

ELECTION MATTERS:

14. APPROVAL OF PRECINCT MAP AND CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the precinct map comprising 75 consolidated precincts for the General Municipal Election to be held April 11, 1972 be approved. This is a budget item.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

15. AWARD OF CONTRACT to M.B. BUILDERS for alteration and repair of City Airport Buildings.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER/AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That Council accept the low bid and award the contract to the low bidder M.B. BUILDERS, INC., in the total amount of \$14,968.00, and that \$14,968.00 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings to fund subject contract. (Need for additional electrical boxes noted.)

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Airport Commission and Airport Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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PARK AND RECREATION:16. TENNIS COMPLEX - WALTERIA RESERVOIR.RECOMMENDATION OF RECREATION/WATER COMMISSIONS:

The joint commission of the Park and Recreation Commission and the Water Commission recommend to Council a leaseback type financing as a feasible approach to financing a family tennis complex on the existing Walteria Reservoir, and further request that Council direct a City Staff Committee to develop a proposal for further consideration by March 1, 1972.

CITY MANAGER NOTE:

City Staff feels that they need more time to develop requested proposal, and request extension to April 1, 1972.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Recreation and Water Commissions, with approval of the requested April 1st date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

At Councilman Brewster's question regarding leaseback arrangements, City Attorney Remelmeyer clarified that the City, as owner of the property, would lease the premises to a nonprofit corporation formed for the purpose of holding title to the leasehold -- the nonprofit corporation then builds the tennis facility by the issuance of bonds. Further, the nonprofit corporation then leases the facility back to the City (a sub-sublease); the City pays rent for the facility, and the rent money is used to pay off the bonds.

Councilman Uerkwitz urged that the report be expedited, there already having been a considerable time lapse since this was originally introduced to the Council. It was the request of Councilman Sciarrotta that the report also review whether or not this would be an overextending, in that there is a like arrangement involving City Hall.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Councilman Surber indicated that his "yes" vote at this time is for the requested report; there are many questions remaining that must be answered for him.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:17. ROSE PARADE FLOAT.RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION:

1. That the City of Torrance enter a float in the 1973 Rose Parade;
2. That the City commit the 1972-73 budget to \$13,000 to partially underwrite the cost of the entry;
3. That the Torrance Rose Float Association, as presently constructed, be continued to coordinate the 1973 entry, and
4. That the City of Torrance Recreation Department continue to act as Staff liaison to the volunteer association.

The Chairman of the Torrance Rose Float Association, Mr. Harold D. Smith, 1005 Cranbrook Avenue, first introduced the Association members present, then reminded the Council of the Recognition Dinner on February 16th, and, finally, urged positive, favorable consideration of their recommendation.

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It was the comment of Mayor Miller that the Association had done a most creditable job in regard to the 1972 Float -- it was the suggestion of the Mayor that thought be given to an underwriting arrangement, as is being done in other cities.

Councilman Uerkwitz referred to the fact that he has not voted for the Rose Parade Float in the past because of the expense involved -- this considerable sum of money (\$13,000) should be considered at budget time. Mr. Uerkwitz also noted that other programs, such as the Paramedic program, are coming up and will have to be considered as well. Rather than taking action on the subject request at this time, Councilman Uerkwitz would prefer that it be reviewed at budget time.

The time element involved was noted by Mr. Smith -- the deadline being April 1st.

It was Councilman Wilson's opinion that the Association has done an outstanding job in presenting Torrance with an award-winning Float -- further, it seems that financing efforts by certain groups will materialize. Mr. Smith indicated that a report on possible financial support will be furnished the Council by April 1st, and further noted the hope that in three to five years the Float will be self-sustaining.

Councilman Johnson stated that he has been a very strong proponent of the Rose Parade Float, and observance of the Association's efforts this year has proved most reassuring; it would seem that they will be able to raise most of the money required -- they should be given the "go ahead" at this time, with ironing out of details later.

It was indicated to the Association by Councilman Sciarrotta that while every effort will be made to obtain sponsors, the door will not be closed by the Council, in the event financing proves difficult.

Mayor Miller recalled the discussion at last year's budget hearings, and the recognition that a citizens group could not immediately assume this undertaking, that a period of time would be necessary to achieve complete contribution status -- significant inroads have been made, with a quick, makeshift program; should it happen that the Association returned in three or four years, with no improvement in its position, then the Council would have to take a hard, long look at the request, with the idea that the money might better be spent elsewhere on more profitable ventures.

Councilman Uerkwitz added that his objections are not to the Rose Parade Float as such -- his objections are based on the City financing same when they are hard pressed for funds for other projects; the ideal way for the Association to go would be with a sponsor, but he questions if there will ever be a sponsor so long as the City continues to underwrite the Float year after year. Mr. Uerkwitz reiterated his opinion that this is a matter for budget time.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved to concur with the recommendations of the Torrance Rose Float Association; the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was the comment of Councilman Brewster that the Association, in effect, is notifying the Council in advance that there may be a requirement up to a maximum of \$13,000 to underwrite this -- it is their hope, and that of the Council, that they will in no way begin to approach this sum, and that they will indeed raise a substantial amount of money. While not necessarily a budget commitment, according to Mr. Brewster, it is an indication that this \$13,000 must somehow be attained.

Concurrence with Councilman Brewster was expressed by Councilman Surber who also noted that the Float was on the brink of being dropped entirely, but the Association brought it back; the tremendous citizen participation must be acknowledged. Had it worked out otherwise, Mr. Surber indicated that his vote likely would be "no".

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Surber,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Uerkwitz (for reasons stated above).

Mayor Miller stated to the Association members present that he is committed to a, roughly, three-year program to see what can be done from beginning to end, rather than to perhaps favor it this year and next year be against it; the Mayor would like to see the Association improve its position every year.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2312.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD ON THE WEST SIDE OF MADRONA AVENUE, NORTH OF SPENCER STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 71-24.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2312 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Surber.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

19. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

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A. BUDGETED.

1. \$372.65 to Moore Business Forms for 30,000 City of Torrance payroll checks required by the Finance Department.
2. \$879.06 to Olympic Wholesale Sporting Goods, Inc. for 8,000 rounds of new ammunition consisting of .45 automatic, .38 special and 12 gauge shotgun shells as requested by the Police Department.
3. \$591.92 to Farrar, Straus & Giroux for 79 adult and juvenile books.
4. \$475.39 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson for 44 adult books.
5. \$434.69 to Simon & Schuster, Inc. for 121 adult and juvenile books.
6. \$600.80 to Oranco Supply for miscellaneous sprinkling system hardware required for the Southeast Torrance Library landscaping job.
7. \$3693.90 to Mail-Well Envelope Company for 300,000 rubbish bill envelopes and return envelopes as requested by the Customer Service Division.

B. REIMBURSABLE.

8. \$1564.50 to Hersey Products for two 6" water flow check detectors to L.A. City design and one only 3" Hersey water meters as requested by the Water Department for installation at the R.L. McGee, Safeway and Thrifty Stores. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.
9. \$373.28 to Michelin Office Supply Company of Torrance for one only Victor Printing Calculator as requested by the Park Department as a replacement.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director on Item #19. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 6:10 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:12 P.M.

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ADDENDUM ITEM:20. EDISON SUIT - LEGAL COUNSEL.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council approve the appropriation of \$7,000 to be used to continue the services of Overton, Lyman & Prince in hearings re: Ainsworth-177th power lines.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

Approval of this request should include a motion to appropriate \$7,000 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Attorney and the Finance Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Specifically noted by Councilman Brewster was City Attorney Remelmeyer's statement: "In no small degree, as a result of this representation, the P.U.C. Staff has, for the first time in the history of this State, recommended removal of power lines strictly for aesthetic reasons."

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

21. Needed stop signs at 222nd and Andreo and 222nd and Gramercy were noted by Councilman Johnson, there being frequent accidents -- it was Mr. Johnson's request that this be checked out by Traffic Engineer Horkay.

22. The forthcoming graduation of "EXPLORER SCOUTS", and the intensive training program represented thereby, as well as their innumerable community contributions, was reported by Councilman Surber, with the request that there be appropriate recognition of this class.

Councilman Johnson MOVED that a tile plaque be prepared for each Scout; the motion was seconded by Councilman Surber. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

23. Mr. Jim Thompson, 2842 Alberta Street, announced that he is a candidate for City Council, and reported difficulties encountered regarding establishment of his length of residence in the City of Torrance -- Mr. Thompson questioned the entire procedure, and deemed it a "life and death battle to keep me from the Council floor".

City Clerk Coil offered an explanation for the residence investigation, but Mr. Thompson had immediately departed from the Council Chambers -- for the information of those remaining, Mr. Coil stated that there is a Board composed of the City Attorney, Police Chief, and City Clerk who must thoroughly review the applications of candidates regarding any felony charge and/or residence in the City of Torrance -- a routine election responsibility. In the case of Mr. Thompson, there was a question as to the date he moved into the City, hence the inquiry to him.

24. Representing the Surfside Swim Club, Mrs. Houck, 2365 West 235th Place, advised that they are planning their first Invitational Swim Meet at El Camino College on February 26th, and that the Club desires Council support by way of a \$25.00 donation for the purchase of a set of trophies for one of the 70 events.

Mrs. Houck then outlined the many achievements of the Surfside Swim Club, involving many Torrance youngsters, and indicated that Director of Recreation Van Bellehem has given verbal approval of her request. Such generosity was not unnoticed by our Council -- Councilman Johnson MOVED that the \$25.00 donation come out of Mr. Van Bellehem's budget; the motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with the exception of an abstention by Councilman Sciarrotta.

25. The president of the Pacific South Bay Homeowners Association, Mr. James Clark, 19510 Tomlee, presented his promised report regarding the Torrance Freeway and the recommended deletion thereof, along with an analysis and alternative suggestions. Copies of this material were furnished the Council to be incorporated in the official records pertaining to the freeway.

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The hour being 6:35 P.M., and with the completion of the Senior Council agenda, Mayor Miller thereupon turned the meeting over to the 1972 Junior Council -- their actions are reflected in the pages that follow.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE JUNIOR COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance Junior Council convened in its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 1972, at 6:35 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Junior Councilmen Apostal, Bergay, Cassell, Gerard, Price, Stephens, and Junior Mayor Smith.

Also present: Jr. City Manager Hanten, Jr. Assistant City Manager Curtis, Jr. City Clerk Curtis, and Jr. Treasurer Perez.

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Formal action taken by the Junior Council was as follows:

A. POLLUTION, ECOLOGY AND OUR ENVIRONMENT.ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Price moved for the adoption of resolution of record to initiate a bond issue for acquisition of open space in Torrance. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Apostal, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Price then moved that the subject resolution be submitted to the City Council, requesting prompt action and that a report be made to the Torrance Youth Council on the outcome. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Stephens, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

BIKE PATHS:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Price moved to approve the subject resolution recommending Council endorsement of current legislation to use a portion of State Gasoline Tax money to construct Bike Paths. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Bergay; roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Apostal, Bergay, Price, Stephens,
Smith.

NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Cassell.

ABSTAIN: JR. COUNCILMEN: Gerard.

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Bergay moved that the City of Torrance establish an Environment Commission, it being a requirement that any building to be built with a value of over \$25,000 provide a statement of environment impact -- the Environment Commission to have the power to overrule such permit if it were found that it would have a bad effect on the environment. The motion was seconded by Jr. Mayor Smith; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

B. RECREATION MATTERS:

STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON POLICE VANDALISM COMMITTEE:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Smith moved to adopt the subject resolution, with the following amendment: that there be six representatives from six different high schools and that they be allowed two votes on the Committee. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Bergay; roll call vote unanimously favorable.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Bergay moved to adopt the subject resolution, recommending appointment of two high school students to the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion seconded by Jr. Councilman Apostal; roll call vote unanimously favorable.

USE OF PARKS - POLICE SURVEILLANCE - HELICOPTER PATROL:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Apostal moved that the City Council adopt the resolution; ^{it be the} ~~and/ policy~~ that the Police force not ask anyone to leave City parks at any time, if they are not at that time creating a disturbance or doing something wrong. Seconded by Jr. Councilman Price. The motion failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Apostal, Price.

NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Bergay, Cassell, Gerard, Stephens, Smith.

USE OF SCHOOL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Stephens moved that the City Council make formal recommendation to the Torrance School Board that there be an "open recreation night" at school facilities; the motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Cassell. Approval was voiced by all, with the exception of Jr. Councilman Price who abstained.

LIGHTING ON SCHOOL FACILITIES:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Apostal moved that the City Council recommend to the Torrance School Board that they research lighting on school facilities specifically as it relates to tennis courts. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Price, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Apostal, Cassell, Gerard, Price,
Stephens and Smith.

NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Bergay.

TEEN CENTERS:

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Bergay moved to recommend to the City Council that they establish four Teen Centers near the four High Schools. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Apostal, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

C. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT.

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Bergay moved that the Junior Council recommend to the City Council that reapportionment should be based on ethnic, economic, and population status of Los Angeles County. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Stephens, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Apostal, Bergay, Price, Stephens,
and Smith.

NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Cassell, Gerard.

D. FREE CLINICS.

MOTION: Jr. Councilman Apostal moved to recommend to the City Council that a free clinic be established in the City of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Jr. Councilman Bergay, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Apostal, Bergay, Gerard, Price, Stephens,
and Smith.

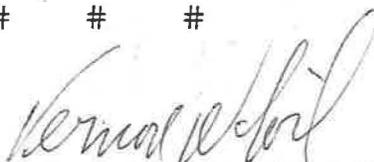
NOES: JR. COUNCILMEN: Cassell.

On completion of the Junior Council agenda, the City Council returned to the podium -- praise and appreciation for a most noteworthy Junior Citizens Day 1972 was expressed by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council. Presentation of tile plaques to each of the Junior Officials followed, with grateful acceptance by the participants.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk
of the City of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance