

June 24, 1972

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
(BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Saturday, June 24, 1972, at 9:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall for the purpose of a Budget Workshop Session.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Surber.

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

3. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION BY STAFF:

In line with Council requests of June 23rd, Assistant City Manager Scharfman presented the desired data and Staff recommendations, per communication of June 24, 1972.

The following Council action resulted:

Deletions:

- 1 License Inspector
- 2 Zoning Enforcement Officers
- 1 Building Inspector
- 1 Park Maintenceman
- 1 Library Page

Close Post Avenue Library Branch.

(Delete: 1 Library Aide

1 Library Page.)

Deferred:

C.E. Assistant position three months

Opening and manning of Fire Station No. 6 three months

Retained:

- 1 Custodian
- 1 Sr. Secretary
- Torrance Topics
- Miss Torrance Pageant
- Rose Parade Float
- Chamber of Commerce

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Staff-recommended Alternative Reductions were next reviewed, resulting in the following:

Deferred: Pocket Pager System.

Deletions:

Record Systems Consultant
Reduce Fire Apparatus Fund by 1/2

Retained:

1 Park Maintenceman
1 Fire Captain
5 Services Officers (Female)
1 Principal Recreation Leader
.7 Parttime Recreation employees
1 Library Page
5 equivalent Recreation Recurrent Employees

It was noted that retention of the 5 Service Officers above would necessitate the elimination of the 1 Policeman noted on Page 1 of the subject communication.

Reaffirmed were previously approved budget additions: Planning extra help; Engineering mobile radio and base station; mobile radio, Street; 3 sedans, Fire Department; and 1 Sr. Secretary, Civil Service.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that he now be permitted to work with the department heads re: departmental needs and priorities -- there were no objections to the request.

There was review of general budget procedures and necessary concerns pertaining thereto -- each Councilman commented on the particularly rewarding aspects of the 1972-73 Budget sessions, the commitments made, and recognition of Staff's fine efforts in these presentations. A "mid-year review" of the budget was recommended by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there was general concurrence that this had much merit; the City Manager was so directed, such review to be extended to all interested parties. A Staff report on the implementation of this was also requested.

A need for study of the salaries of recurrent employees was stressed by Councilman Wilson.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller: Responding was Mr. Robert Flora who expressed his concern with the Capital Improvement situation and the need to take action; Mr. Jack Schmidt commended the Council's thorough approach to these financial matters and indicated the Chamber's continued support and cooperation in recommendations made at these sessions; and Mrs. Vicki Birdsall, on behalf of the League of Women Voters, indicated their approval of what has transpired as it relates to capital improvements.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:45 A.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to Tuesday, June 27, 1972, at 6:30 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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