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Adjourned at 6:30 P.M. to Tuesday, March 13, 1973, at 6:00 P.M.

-- Adjournment being to the memory of the Hon. Larry Townsend.

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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, March 6, 1973, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall:

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Wayne Davis led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend H. Milton Sippel, First Christian Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of February 20, 1973 and February 26, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Surber moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, 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 Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Finance Committee:

March 8th at 5:00 P.M.

Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee:

March 20th at 4:30 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Resolution commending Torrance High School Troubadours upon their selection to perform at the Hawaiian Festival of Music.

Held for two weeks.

(ADDENDUM ITEM)

- 22.
- RESOLUTION
- commending the North High School Saxons and Drill Team.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL SAXONS AND DRILL TEAM FOR THEIR HAVING BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 1973 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-34. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unani- mously favorable.

There was grateful acceptance of Resolution No. 73-34 by Band Leader Jones, followed by introductions of participants in this successful campaign.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. DE MOLAY WEEK - March 11-18, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller. Appreciation for this recognition was conveyed by member Webb Kildoo, on presentation of a plaque in appreciation of their community efforts.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- 11.
- RESOLUTION
- authorizing Amendment to Howard E. Fishel Hangar Lease to permit the attachment of a T-Hangar on the adjacent parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED JANUARY 1, 1967 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND HOWARD E. FISHEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION TO PERMIT THE ATTACHMENT OF A T-HANGAR ON THE ADJACENT PARCEL.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-35. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

12. RESOLUTION re: Upgrading of Railroad Crossing Protection.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC PROTECTION AT THE CABRILLO STREET CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACKS, DESIGNATED BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AS CROSSING NO. 2H-22.5.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to approve an appropriation of \$8,439 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover the City's share of the improvement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

13. GUIDELINES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR/CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council adjourn this meeting until March 13, 1973 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the environmental impact guidelines.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous.

It was the request of Planning Director Shartle that consideration be given the scheduling of the pending hearing on the Battram tract -- a matter awaiting the establishment of the subject standards -- the date of Monday, April 30th, at 7:00 P.M. being tentatively suggested. It was the consensus of the Council that the Battram tract hearing should be scheduled as a regular agenda item at a regular Tuesday night Council meeting, with continuation if necessary. (NOTE: Hearing scheduled for April 24, 1973 -- See Page 6.)

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:14. ORDINANCE NO. 2384.ORDINANCE NO. 2384

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 NEWTON STREET, APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET WEST OF MADISON STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 72-29.

(Gerald Chong)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2384 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. PCR 73-1, LAUREL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (RB FURNITURE).
Appeal of certain Planning Commission conditions of approval to allow construction of a furniture store in the C-5 zone on property located at the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard, approximately 100 feet south of Emerald Street.
PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

The proponent's request to delay this matter until March 20th was noted by the Council. Councilman Surber MOVED to concur with the request; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ROUTINE MATTERS:16. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$417.90 to Redondo Trading Post for one only replacement oven from stock as requested by the Fire Department for Fire Station #5.
2. \$706.86 to Park-Son, Inc. for six main line water valves as requested by the Water Department.
3. \$420.00 to Lite of Times to fabricate 40 only overhead light panels as requested by the Police Department to match existing plastic panels.
4. \$1171.80 to Encyclopedia Britannica Ed. Corp. for 3 sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica and 3 sets of the Encyclopedia "Junior".

5. \$2758.83 to Industrial Electronics for an annual contract for 1000 watt reflector flood lamps-4500-hour rated as required by the Traffic and Lighting Department for flood lamp replacements on City playgrounds.
6. \$567.44 to N.M.C. Corporation of Gardena for 130 recording records as selected by the Library for their audio program.
7. \$425.27 to Campbell & Hall for 75 adult books.
8. \$475.28 to Inglewood Book & Stationery for an engineering-drawing master file cabinet as requested by the Water Dept.
NOTE: An appropriation of \$475.28 is required by the City Council to cover this expense. This plan holder will permit the consolidation of existing plan files which will facilitate master cataloging of these plans for ready reference. The Water Revenue Funds are available for this purchase.

17. APPROPRIATION FOR REMOVAL OF T-HANGAR "T-13".

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT AIRPORT MANAGER:

That \$600.00 for the removal of hangar T-13 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings to the Airport Operating Budget.

18. CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES -- APPROPRIATION OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$6,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for construction of drainage facilities at 237th Street and Arlington Avenue, and at Pacific Coast Highway east of Bellanca Way (per subject sketch). Job Nos. 73129 and 83003 (\$3000 each).

19. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PAPER GOODS - Ref. Bid #B73-4.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council award an annual contract to the following companies:

1. Noland Paper Company for \$14,807.30 including tax for 45 items.
2. Ingram Paper Company for \$2630.80 including tax for 12 items.

20. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Terrance Boulevard from Sartori Avenue to Western Avenue (Job No. 64030).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the work be accepted on the basis of the as-built quantities; and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor, Nelson and Belding Contracting Corporation.

- 21. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE IN CITY BUILDINGS. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE \$8000.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve of the awarding of an annual contract to the Hart Air Conditioning and Heating Company for maintenance service, inspections, and required repair to City air conditioning and heating units in the estimated amount of \$8000.00.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and #21. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

- 22. RESOLUTION commending NORTH HIGH SCHOOL Saxons and Drill Team.

See Page 2.

- 23. SETTLEMENT OF O.T.Y. CONTRACT, PAVING SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO WESTERN AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY:

That \$9,950.40 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds and paid to O.T.Y. Inc. in settlement in full of the subject contract.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Deputy City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable

The Council now returned to Item #13:

- 13. GUIDELINES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS.

The date recommended for the Battram tract hearing was Tuesday, April 24, 1973, a 7:00 P.M. meeting, it being noted that a Council decision re: EIR Guidelines would be necessary by March 27th. There were no objections, and it was so ordered and agreed.

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The hour being 6:00 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 6:02 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

24. A meeting of the South Bay Regional Coastal Zone Conservation Commission in these Council Chambers on March 12th was reported by City Manager Ferraro.

25. The availability of some \$99,000 to be used for beach lighting, achieved by various Council Committee and individual efforts, was noted by City Manager Ferraro, such funds coming from the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches.

26. It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that this Council meeting adjourn to the memory of Assemblyman Larry Townsend.

27. Commendations by Councilman Armstrong: (1) Building and Safety Director McKinnon for his report of February 28, 1973 -- Allegations Expressed by John Davis Regarding Procedures and Policies of the Department of Building and Safety -- (Information Item A). Mr. Armstrong deemed this a very fine, clear, analytical approach to the problem. (2) Minute Secretary Ava Cripe for her "magnificent effort" in the transcription of the very difficult February 26th meeting of the City Council.

28. Councilman Sciarrotta, in concurrence with above Minute Secretary findings, presented her with a Washington, D.C. memento from Council representatives on their recent trip there -- her appreciation should be a matter of official record, and so it is.

29. A prepared oral communication on the Washington, D.C. trip by Councilman Sciarrotta followed:

"I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a full report on our visit to Washington. As you know, Councilman Armstrong, Ed Ferraro, Tom Rupert, and I attended the National League of Cities Congressional Conference -- but more important were the appointments which were arranged for us with people from the Administration to discuss the Navy property. Congressman Wilson and his staff called together representatives of the Naval Facilities Command and of the General Services Agency for the sole purpose of expediting this very important project.

"You also know our plans are to acquire immediate right-of-way for the purpose of extending 223rd Street through to Crenshaw, and to provide Santa Fe with a rail right-of-way so that we can complete the Prairie/Madrona extension. We all know what our traffic problems are, and the importance of providing additional north/south and east/west routes through Torrance.

"After we made our presentation, we were told by the Navy that they would do everything possible to move according to our proposed plans. Accordingly, the Navy would declare the Santa Fe right-of-way as surplus, and the Congressional Committee would approve the disposal program. The General Services Agency is in the midst of calling for a land appraisal of the property, and when they were informed of our pressing priorities, they assured us that this would be done within the next 30 days. If all goes well, the total project would be completed within 60 days.

"In addition to this, they indicated that a full right-of-way for the 223rd Street purposes was within reason, particularly since our proposal causes no physical injury to any of the structures on their property, nor does it interfere with their existing operation. We were also told to work with the State of California on this acquisition, and to explore various programs which would help us to acquire the land at no cost to the City. This might be possible, due to the fact that 223rd Street does connect to the Harbor Freeway, and would become part of the Interstate System.

"In further discussion with the Navy, Councilman Armstrong asked about long range plans for the facility and restated our interests for total acquisition of the 46 acres for park and recreation purposes.

"We were told that, even though the war was winding down, the Pacific Fleet still had the need for the refrigeration building on the site. They emphasized that, unless other facilities were made available, their plan would be to continue operation. At the request of Congressman Wilson, the Navy is going to explore Los Alamitos and El Toro as possible alternatives, and we will be receiving a report back on these alternatives.

"I feel this meeting meant a lot to our City, and that both the immediate and long range effects are going to be visual proof of our success.

"In regard to the National Municipal League's Congressional Legislation Conference, I want to report the following:

"President Nixon's administration is completely unified in its drive to cut Federal spending and restructure of the Federal System. However, all of the Administration's Conference spokesmen offered few specifics. While a number of different explanations of current program terminations emerged, it is more than apparent that the White House plans to merge such programs into four 'SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING' proposals by mid-1974. These are in the general areas of:

- "Urban Community Development
(rather than Urban Renewal)
- Education
- Manpower Training
- Law Enforcement (Programs rather than research).

"While these concepts of 'Special Revenue Sharing' are firmly embedded in the Administration plans, the specific formulas for funds distribution are yet to be announced. To implement 'Special Revenue Sharing', the President is either impounding existing funds, freezing programs, or vetoing bills that support categorical grants.

"One contingent of Eastern City Mayors advocated that Congress take some funds out of other Federal budgets, especially military, and put it back into the cities.

"Lastly, it was the Conference consensus that Congress and the President would mollify their differences by combining 'Special Revenue Sharing' with block grants. Under 'Special Revenue Sharing', the funds must be spent within a broad subject area, such as law enforcement, but no prior Federal approval is required, other than post auditing.

Conversely, block grants will require an application, and may require prior Federal approval and be subject to more Federal control over program details than 'Special Revenue Sharing' -- but far less than the old fashioned categorical Grants programs, for which a Federal official must approve everything from the cost of the land to the style of the housing and its plumbing, and this is only an example.

"In view of this possible development, Councilman Armstrong and I will request our Mayor to call an areawide Mayor's Meeting so that we may present a unified consensus to our various Congressional representatives. We learned that a unified position on the part of a geographical area is most important under the system, and Torrance must take the leadership."

Noted by Councilman Uerkwitz was the possible role of the South Bay Councilmen's Association as a "forum" -- such was acknowledged by Councilman Sciarrotta; however, in all due respect, what is proposed in the foregoing is of a magnitude deserving the "Mayor Meeting" approach.

30. Councilman Surber commended Councilmen Armstrong and Sciarrotta, along with Messrs. Ferraro and Rupert, on their productive jaunt and the excellent report pertaining to same. It was added by Mr. Surber that "I am glad to see they are coming around to my way of thinking back there -- where we are getting Federal money without attachments -- we're knocking on the door anyhow!"

31. Referred to Staff by Councilman Uerkwitz was the February 19th communication re: Environmental Impact Study at LAX -- it was the recommendation of City Manager Ferraro that the Council provide representation at forthcoming SCAG meetings in this regard, it being noted that Assistant Airport Manager Critchfield will be in attendance at such a meeting on March 7th in Long Beach. Mr. Critchfield thereupon summarized the remarks to be made by him at the Long Beach meeting.

32. Councilman Uerkwitz likewise expressed appreciation for the February 28th report by Building and Safety Director McKinnon re: Allegations Expressed by John Davis Regarding Procedures and Policies of the Department of Building and Safety (Information Item A). It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that Mr. and Mrs. Davis receive a copy of the subject report. Mr. Uerkwitz further indicated that he was in agreement with Mr. McKinnon's findings.

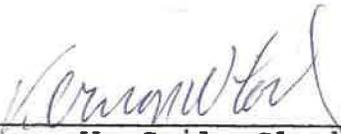
33. Needed water and light coordination at the Civic Center Fountain was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz -- this will be checked out by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

34. Councilman Wilson added his congratulations to those participating in the successful accomplishments in Washington, D.C. -- a very hard-working delegation, deserving of praise, in his opinion.

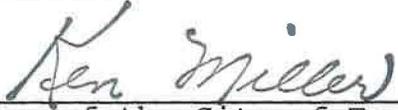
35. The annual recognition of Torrance school teachers and administrators by the City Council was pointed out by Councilman Wilson, with the request that Staff prepare like appropriate recognition for the 1973 banquet for this purpose. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

At 6:30 P.M. Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Tuesday, March 13, 1973, at 6:00 P.M. -- such adjournment being to the memory of the Hon. Larry Townsend. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance