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Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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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, April 10, 1973, at 7:00 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:

The West Torrance Vikings, championship soccer team, led the flag salute en masse.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Edward Clark, St. James Catholic Church, offered the following invocation:

"UNLESS THE LORD GUARDS THE CITY, THE WATCHMAN
WATCHETH IN VAIN. OH LORD GRANT THAT WE WHO
GATHER HERE TO PRAY IN YOUR NAME MAY TRULY
BELIEVE IN YOU AND THE FULLNESS OF OUR LIVES,
AND IN THAT SAME FULLNESS, FOLLOW YOU JUSTLY
AND HONESTLY IN ALL OUR ACTIONS AND DECISIONS."

Considered by the Council at this time, cut of order:

PRESENTATIONS:

9A. COMMENDATION TO WEST TORRANCE VIKINGS - 1973 California State Soccer Champions, Division III.

These illustrious champions -- ages seven to nine -- were recipients of individual tile plaques in recognition of their achievement as 1973 State Soccer Champions. Like recognition was afforded Head Coach Walt Baaden, and congratulations to all those who contributed to this honor, including Dr. Howard Laitin, was conveyed by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of March 27, 1973 be approved as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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, 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 Uerkwitz, and roll call vote proved unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups:

Met this date in a continuing workshop session.

Finance Committee:

Will next meet on Wednesday, April 18th, at 4:30 P.M.

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Reverend Wally Kornegay extended an invitation to all to attend COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES at the Church of the Nazarene, April 16th through April 20th -- such services to incorporate civic participation -- a "first" in the City of Torrance.

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9A. Considered earlier in the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

9B. PAN AMERICAN DAY - April 14, 1973.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. RESOLUTION re: Construction of Curb, Gutter, Sidewalks and Driveways on 235th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO

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GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 235TH STREET BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON (CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT, 73-1)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-62. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

11. RESOLUTION re: Modification and Interconnection of Traffic Control Signals on Sepulveda Bculevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE UPGRADING AND MODIFICATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-63; his motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimsusly approved by roll call vote.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

12. RESOLUTION re: Legislation requiring the mandatory imposition of Capital Punishment upon anyone convicted of the first degree murder of a Peace Officer engaged in the performance of his duties.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A BILL REQUIRING THE MANDATORY IMPOSITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT UPON ANYONE CONVICTED OF THE FIRST DEGREE MURDER OF A PEACE OFFICER ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 63-64. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Prior to roll call vote on the mction, it was the request of Councilman Surber that the above resolution re: S.B. 450 be expedited to members of the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee (Assemblymen Crown, Miller, Maddy, Murphy, Seeley, Sieroty, and Waxman) in order that they may be made aware of the feelings in this matter.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with specific comments as follows:

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Councilman Armstrong stated that he is opposed to the death penalty in that he has never been persuaded that it was a deterrent -- however, his affirmative vote for the resolution was for the reason that it does not make much sense to hire, train, and equip a police officer, send him out to enforce the law, and then deny him the necessary equipment and other vital assistance to fulfill that commitment. Mr. Armstrong further commented on the need for meaningful gun control legislation.

Support of the resolution by Councilman Sciarrotta was for the reason that the people of the United States need to realize that it is no longer a case of "policeman brutality" as much as "people brutality" against the police. Councilman Uerkwitz indicated his concurrence with these remarks.

13. RESOLUTION of record destruction.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 73-65. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

14. BICYCLE STUDY COMMITTEE.

RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE YOUTH COMMISSION:

That the City Council appoint one Youth Commissioner and one Youth Council member to serve on the existing Bicycle Study Committee.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2392.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART III OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN CERTAIN HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2392 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

16. HEARING - Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive General Plan Interim Circulation Element of the Streets and Highways Network.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

City Manager Ferraro noted Staff-requested withdrawal in order that this matter may receive environmental review processing.

There being no further comments, Councilman Brewster moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject item be withdrawn and readvertised at a later date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

17. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$350.30 to Pacific Rope & Fiber Company for 1,598 feet of steel cable to be used by both the Park and Recreation Department and the City Garage.
2. \$617.00 to Crown Body & Fender for repairs to 1971 Plymouth (Unit 7139) involved in an accident.
3. \$726.60 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 100 valves and 100 assorted pipe couplings as requested by the Water Department.
4. \$312.90 to Automatic Printing of Torrance for printing 50,000 library cards as requested by the City Librarian for new and renewal memberships.
5. \$589.68 to Reliable Steel Company for required miscellaneous replacement parts to repair Reyncr Heaters located at the City Garage.
6. \$525.00 to Aptos Film Enterprises for the purchase of two films for training purposes as requested by the Police Department.
7. \$341.25 to Sid Davis Productions for two training films as requested by the Police Department.
8. \$1691.15 to Western Bookbinding Company for rebinding service of library books and magazines as requested by the City Librarian.

9. \$1074.74 to Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc. for participation in their Greenaway Plan which includes receipt of advance copies of new books and publications.
 10. \$796.37 to Harper & Row Publishers, Inc. for 178 adult and juvenile books.
 11. \$1724.54 to Campbell & Hall for 184 adult and 86 juvenile books.
 12. \$1195.70 to Shepherd Machinery Company for necessary repair service to Caterpillar engine parts (Unit #9216) as requested by the City Garage.
 13. \$910.80 to Bachelier Masonry Company for construction of a concrete block wall around the parking area of Fire Station No. 4, as requested by the Fire Department.
 14. \$694.89 to Western Fire Equipment Company for four each 2½" "fog" nozzles, as requested by the Fire Department.
 15. \$354.38 to Flash-R-Lite for 50 metal barricades as requested by Water Department.
 16. \$388.50 to Blinker Lite for 50 Paralta flasher units for the above barricades, as requested by the Water Department.
 17. \$3849.98 to Southern California Fence Company for miscellaneous chain link fence material as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for repairs to fencing at Los Arboles Park, McMaster Park, and Torrance Park.
 18. \$950.00 to 3M Business Products for 24 rolls of microfilm reader-printer print paper (8½" x 375 each roll) as requested by the City Librarian for making 8½ x 11 size copies of microfilm.
18. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Ready-Mix Concrete (Reference Bid #B73-10)
(Annual Expenditure - \$25,000.00)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by Greene's Ready Mixed Concrete Company, and approve of awarding them the annual contract for the total annual amount of \$25,000.00 including tax.

19. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

1. That the work performed by Grissom & Johnson, Inc. under City contract per Bid No. B 72-28 and Federal TOPICS Project T-3041(165) be accepted.
2. That the final 10% of the contract fee in the amount of \$5,582.10 be paid to the contractor.

20. CLAIM of Clifford C. Hoffman for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

21. APPLICATION TO PRESENT LATE CLAIM of Glen Ihara for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above Application to Present Late Claim be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

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

ADDENDA ITEMS:

22. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28989

Subdivider: William P. Floyd
 Engineer: Denn Engineers
 Location: B/w Deelane & Halison w/o Hawthorne Blvd.
 No. of Lots: 5

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject Final Tract Map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28973.

Subdivider: William P. Floyd
 Engineer: Denn Engineers.
 Location: B/w Anza Avenue and Beckworth n/o Deelane Avenue.
 No. of Lots: 11

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject Final Tract Map be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. FINAL TRACT NO. 28893.

Subdivider: Tor West Builders (William P. Floyd)
 Engineer: Denn Engineers
 Location: B/w Wilma and Carmelyn w/o Entradero.
 No. of Lots: 12.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That subject Final Tract Map be approved.

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

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The hour being 7:45 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 7:47 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. City Manager Ferraro presented proposed legislation which would request the President and Congress of the United States to take action which would convert the Highway Trust Fund to a "Transportation Fund".

It was the consensus of the Council that there was a need for further study of this matter, and Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED that this item be referred to the Transportation Committee for review between now and next Tuesday. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Sciarrotta: That the Council take action on this matter at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz; Mayor Miller.

(It was specifically noted by both Councilman Uerkwitz and Mayor Miller that their "no" votes were against the motion, not the resolution.)

Roll call vote on the main motion to refer to Transportation Committee proved unanimously favorable.

26. A "success story" by way of the promotion and appointment of Councilman Brewster as Vice President of the Universal Heritage Investments Corporation was reported by City Manager Ferraro. Congratulations by the Council followed this announcement.

27. Appropriate recognition of the championship girls soccer teams at West High was requested by Councilman Armstrong.

28. Receipt of a flyer re: April 12th meeting distributed to school students stating "did you know that the Southern California Association of Governments has recommended Torrance Municipal Airport become a jet-commuter facility?" was noted, and deplored, by Councilman Sciarrotta, who labelled such statement a lie.

It was the request of Mr. Sciarrotta that City Clerk Coil provide a copy of the Council minutes wherein reference was made to a press release by former Airport Manager Egan with reference to commuter planes at Torrance Airport, such statement having been issued without Council knowledge -- the minutes at that time will reflect the Council's objections and position in this regard.

It was the further comment of Councilman Sciarrotta that he will be in attendance at the school meeting, armed with factual support which will contradict these "rabblercousing statements", specifically by the lengthy statement of record by Mayor Miller at the April 3rd Council meeting which clearly defined the Council's position re: the Airport.

Mayor Miller, with the subject flyer at hand, reported on its contents, and the false information contained therein -- it was his request that this sheet be sent to Superintendent of Schools Jones for a complete investigation as to the circumstances of this matter.

It was further noted by Mayor Miller that Councilman Uerkwitz is slated to be the guest speaker at the subject meeting, and he urged that the formal statement of the Council's position on the Airport be in evidence.

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that his communication inviting him to be guest speaker at the April 12th meeting, received a month ago, was quite different than that described above, and confirmed his intent to use the Mayor's "airport statement" as the context of the meeting, along with a cover letter of his own providing further clarification. It was Mr. Uerkwitz' opinion that the above referred to flyer need not be of concern in that it appears to be an attempt to stimulate attendance at the school meeting; he would concur that there are misleading statements therein, and it is his intent to straighten them out.

The importance of input at the April 26th Airport Commission hearing on the Airport Master Plan was specifically noted.

29. The receipt of books from Israel, per City Librarian West, was noted by Councilman Wilson, who also noted that the first books received when the International Book Program was inaugurated one year ago were from Egypt!

30. Staff investigation of the unpaved area near Crenshaw and Cherry, which necessitates walking in the street, was requested by Councilman Wilson.

31. A "thank you" to reporters Bob Andrew, Long Beach Press-Telegram and Thom Mead, Daily Breeze, for their coverage of his "Airport Statement" was expressed by Mayor Miller who deemed this a valuable community contribution.

32. It was the request of Mr. Orin P. Johnson, SETHA president, that the imminent report from the Division of Oil and Gas be released to SETHA on Friday, as with the Council material, in order that there may be study time by his organization. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

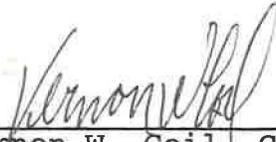
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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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

APPROVED:


Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance