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Ava Cripe  
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, January 15, 1974, 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 Treasurer Rupert, and Deputy City Clerk Moss. Absent: City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. John Barrington led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation, as follows, was given by Reverend Charles Phelps, Community Baptist Church:

"ALMIGHTY GOD, THOU GIVER OF EVERYTHING THAT IS GOOD, AND THOU WHO HAS ORDAINED GOVERNMENT OF PEOPLE BY PEOPLE, WE THANK THEE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF INVOKING THY BLESSING UPON THE AFFAIRS OF THIS CITY, UPON ITS LEADERS, ITS PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND UPON ITS CITIZENS.

"WE PRAY, FATHER, THAT THE EVENTS AND THE ORDER OF THIS MEETING THIS EVENING MIGHT BE TO THE EXALTATION OF THY NAME TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GOOD AND TO EVERY CITIZEN AS FAR AS THOSE TWO CAN BE BROUGHT TOGETHER."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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

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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.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that the Memorandum of Agreement between South Bay cities and the State of California re: the Corridor Study will appear on the January 22nd Council agenda.

Finance Committee:

Will next meet on Tuesday, January 22nd, at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO THE TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL for cancelling \$84,000 in Medical Bills and commending the Board of Directors, Administrative Staff, and dedicated Nursing Staff for their display of humanitarianism during the Christmas Holidays.

Formal presentation was made by Councilman Sciarrotta to Torrance Memorial Hospital representatives, Messrs. Moore and Barrington. There was grateful acceptance of the plaque which acknowledged this charitable deed.

10. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION for Citizen Tim Cook for bravery and quick action.

Held for later in the meeting -- See Page 9.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. "JAYCEE WEEK" - January 20-26, 1974.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

12. REPORT FROM COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON APPOINTED GROUPS regarding Oil Board Duties and Responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON APPOINTED GROUPS:

That the following steps be taken regarding the Planning Commission, the Environmental Quality Commission, and the Oil Board:

1. The agendas and minutes of each respective appointed group should regularly be made available to all of these groups.
2. The support staffs to these three groups should regularly meet to review petroleum matters (perhaps similar to Plot Plan Review). In this regard, the City should consider utilizing its expert Petroleum Engineer in this review process.

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3. The three appointed groups should be encouraged to hold joint workshops on petroleum as the need arises.

Present on this matter was Mr. Henry Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street, who expressed the sincere desire of Oil Board members to serve the City and its citizens -- the need for clarification and direction prompted the subject review; there remains further need for in-depth identification of jurisdictional areas. It was the direction of Mayor Miller that these concerns be conveyed to the Committee, in writing.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement with Toyota and Martin Marrietta Aluminum for installation of a traffic control signal on Western Avenue at the Toyota access road.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TOYOTA MOTOR DISTRIBUTORS, INC. AND MARTIN MARIETTA ALUMINUM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL ON WESTERN AVENUE AT THE TOYOTA ACCESS ROAD.

It was the request of Sr. Associate Transportation Engineer Glass that the revised version of the resolution which deletes reference to that "certain agreement attached", and makes reference to "an agreement for the above described purposes", be the one adopted.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. No 74-11, as above revised. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Further noted by Sr. Associate Transportation Engineer Glass was the desire of the subject companies to have private enterprise administer the contract, in order to save the time involved in the bidding procedure, etc. Such an arrangement would be approved by the Department of Transportation, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the City approve the contractor;
2. That the City approve the plans and specs;
3. That the City do the inspection;
4. That the City be reimbursed for any work done on the project, signing, striping, inspection, etc.
5. That the necessary <sup>traffic</sup> control easements be granted the City;
6. That the necessary hold harmless agreements, insurance, and bonds be given to the satisfaction of the City Attorney.

Mr. Jim Sablett, Toyota Motor Sales, 2055 West 190th Street, speaking for both Martin Marietta and Toyota, reaffirmed the need for expediting the traffic signal, and urged approval of their request.

An AMENDED MOTION was then offered by Councilman Surber: That Council adopt Resolution No. 74-11, as revised, and subject to the above stated six conditions. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Speaking at this time, Mr. Gordon Arbogast, Martin Marietta Aluminum, pointed out the considerable pedestrian traffic at this location; the hazardous conditions; and the fact that the long-awaited signal will alleviate these problems.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

14. BIDDING PROCEDURES - Torrance Fire Station #3 and the Walteria Reservoir Tennis Complex.

RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDING CORPORATION:

The Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation approved and accepted the Plans and Specifications for Torrance Fire Station #3 and the Walteria Reservoir Tennis Complex on January 9, 1974. It is their recommendation that the City Council, as agent for the Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation, direct the City Staff to begin the bidding procedures for the Torrance Fire Station #3 and the Walteria Reservoir Tennis Complex.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council, as agent for the Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation, direct the City Staff to begin the bidding procedures for the Torrance Fire Station #3 and the Walteria Reservoir Tennis Complex. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz, regarding his "yes" vote, that he is very much in favor of the Fire Station in that it is an absolute necessity, but the tennis court financing by this method does not meet with his approval -- however, for the sake of the Fire Station, his vote is "yes".

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2456.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART VI  
OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT  
REVISIONS IN CERTAIN HOURS, WAGES  
AND WORKING CONDITIONS.  
(Deletion of certain class titles)

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2456 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2457.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART VI  
OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT  
REVISIONS IN CERTAIN WAGES.

(Principal Typist Clerk; Records Management Coordinator)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2457 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2458.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 4  
OF ARTICLE 24 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION  
9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING  
TO LOT SIZE IN THE C-5 ZONE.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2458 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2459.

ORDINANCE NO. 2459

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

(Firefighters - Longevity Pay - Salary Ranges; Class Titles)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2459 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SKYPARK DRIVE FROM MADISON AVENUE TO CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

That Council actively pursue methods of improving Skypark Drive through from Madison Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Staff clarification was provided by Planning Director Shartle and City Engineer Weaver, following which roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ORDINANCE amendment establishing time limitation and extensions on Planning and Zoning applications.

ORDINANCE NO. 2460

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE 27 OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIME LIMITS WITHIN WHICH EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR PLANNING OR ZONING PERMITS WILL BE GRANTED.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2460 at its first reading, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Oil Board Chairman Nowicki requested referral of the ordinance to the Oil Board for its review. It was the comment of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the subject ordinance makes no reference to oil permits, and that he will prepare a specific amendment for the Oil Board.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. W 73-43, WILLIAM AND IRMA FLOYD.

Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a requested sideyard setback waiver to permit the construction of a breezeway in the A-1 zone on property located at 20120 Wayne Avenue.

Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle.

The proponent, Mr. William Floyd, 4718 Torrance Boulevard, described the proposed breezeway, the asset represented thereby, and noted that the breezeway would remain open, per Planning Department recommendation.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to grant the appeal, and approve W 73-43, subject to Planning Department conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Speaking in opposition to the motion, Councilman Brewster indicated concurrence with the Planning Commission that a mistake of this magnitude seems incomprehensible -- and it would seem to represent a move to avoid the ordinance and pick up another 4 ft. in the back yard area to allow turning radius for a large recreational vehicle.

It was the further comment of Councilman Brewster that there must be an answer which does not set a precedent, noting that to the south the house is set back some 10 ft. from the side property line so that there is, in terms of light and air, safety, firefighting, etc., at least 10 ft. between the 4-car garage and the neighboring building to the south. Were it stipulated that that 10 ft. never be inhibited, Mr. Brewster might vote for approval of the request; the requirement of some kind of open ground easement recordation from the neighboring property was pointed out by him.

Mr. Floyd returned to explain the circumstances of errors in the plans, and noted that he had approval of adjacent property owners.

The motion to grant the appeal carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ROUTINE MATTERS:

22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$637.10 to National Electronic Card Company for the printing of 36,000 business licenses and license renewal cards, as requested by the License Division.
2. \$422.63 to Blinker Lite Supply for 50 barricade flasher lites, requested by the Street Department.
3. \$323.20 to Smith and Thorpe for one only replacement Wisconsin Gas Engine, as requested by the City Garage for Unit #8722.
4. \$582.75 to Robertshaw Company for service to modify three Stephenson air breathing resuscitator regulators, as requested by the Fire Department.
5. \$992.25 to Monroe-Litton Business Systems, Inc. for two printing calculators, as requested by the Finance Department as replacements.
6. \$473.58 to R.R. Bowker Company for 11 library books.
7. \$920.57 to Negro History Press for 2 sets, 38 volumes, of Negro and Indian Encyclopedias, as requested by the Library.

8. \$688.81 to Industrial Blueprint and Supply for the printing of 37 various printing negatives and plates to furnish service required for the Environmental Resources Publication, requested by the Planning Department.
9. \$2787.44 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 12 each of 4", 6" and 8" water pipe repair clamps and 6 each water pipe service saddles, requested by the Water Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

10. \$842.10 to Hersey Products, Inc. for one only 8-inch Hersey water meter, requested by the Water Department for installation at Ted R. Cooper Service. Payment has been received.
11. \$427.75 to Park Son, Inc. for one each 8-inch water valve and sleeve, requested by the Water Department for installation at the Ted R. Cooper service. Payment has already been received.

23. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Installation of Water Line in Van Ness Avenue from 164th Street to Dominguez Channel (Job No. 73133)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

1. That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, Byron L. Crume; and
2. That nine days liquidated damages be assessed.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Sale of Surplus Bus Unit #336.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the "best bid" from Mr. Tom Hellwell, and approve of the sale of Bus Unit #336 in the total amount of \$1,000.00.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #22, 23, and #24. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

25. ECTOR V. CITY OF TORRANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the Council appropriate the sum of \$1,500 from the General Fund for the services of Ralph Nutter and the printing of the City's brief. (If the Supreme Court grants Mr. Ector's request for a hearing, additional funds will have to be appropriated. New briefs must be written and printed, and the case will be orally argued in Washington, D.C.)

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer, and to approve the subject appropriation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

It was the request of Councilman Surber that other cities be invited to share this cost, in that they will benefit from this -- City Attorney Remelmeyer will make such inquiry.

Roll call vote on Councilman Surber's motion was unanimously favorable.

26. SALE OF SURPLUS BUSES.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the sale of surplus bus units #334 and #335 in the amount of minimum set bid of \$1,000.00 each (Total \$2,000.00), to Mr. Steve Edwards dba Northgate Transit Systems in the San Francisco area.

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

The Council now returned to:

10. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION for Citizen Tim Cook.

Mr. Cook had not arrived at the meeting. Councilman Armstrong announced that a Certificate of Appreciation had been prepared for teenage citizen, Tim Cook, for his quick action in stopping a runaway box car which was involved in a train collision last November 16th. Mr. Armstrong added that the City of Torrance is proud of Tim for his actions and wants to acknowledge that fact with this Certificate of Appreciation from the City Council.

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The hour being 6:50 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council resumed its agenda at 6:55 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. The death of former Park Superintendent Casper Clemmer was regretfully reported by City Manager Ferraro.

28. Positive progress in the Amie Avenue sump-pumping project was noted by City Manager Ferraro.

29. The SCRTD application for a funding grant, with a February 15th deadline, was pointed out by Councilman Brewster -- Mr. Brewster will make this information available to those interested.

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30. The City of Covina's resolution urging that the/Coastal Commission rescind its action regarding San Onofre Power Station expansion was noted by Councilman Surber, with the recommendation that this Council take like action.

Discussion ensued regarding the controversial aspects of such legislation, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to refer the subject resolution to Staff, to be returned in two weeks with input and recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. Praise for the prompt, informative report from Deputy Attorney Roger Freeman on the subject of the withholding of oil, and whether or not there is a genuine shortage, was given by Councilman Uerkwitz.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Ken Miller  
Mayor of the City of Torrance