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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 29, 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 Clerk Coil, and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Hal Nolan led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

"OUR FATHER, THE MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED TO ORDER; WE HAVE PLEDGED ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND TO THIS GREAT NATION -- WE TRUST THAT IMPLIED IN THAT IS ALLEGIANCE TO THE ORDERS OF THIS COMMUNITY AND OF THIS MEETING. LORD, YOU KNOW THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA, AND ALL THOSE WHO IN ANY WAY PERTAIN TO THESE MATTERS. WE PRAY FOR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE, FOR INTEGRITY, AND FOR HONESTY, AND FOR FAITHFULNESS TO THE GOOD OF ALL IN EVERY MATTER THAT SHALL TRANSPIRE HERE. LEAD US, O LORD, AND GRANT UNTO US AN AWARENESS OF THY LEADING."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of January 8, 1974 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 Sciarrotta, 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

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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 was unanimously favorable.

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Ad Hoc Committee on Oil Legislation and Landscaping:

Will next meet on February 5th at 4:30 P.M.

Civil Service Committee:

Next meeting scheduled for February 5th at 6:00 P.M. re disability retirement for safety members.

Corridor Study Committee:

Will meet on February 6th.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE TO LOUIS ZAMPERINI reaffirming that the Torrance Aeronautical Facility shall be known as Torrance Airport - Zamperini Field.

The unique campaign undertaken as a class project by Torrance High School students Jan Karr, Anne Cafarchia and Joanne Wohlers in the unearthing of Torrance history which renamed Torrance Airport "Zamperini Field" was described by Councilman Armstrong -- all this has resulted in this meaningful agenda item.

Mayor Miller conveyed his particular pleasure at this moment -- recalling his early friendship with Louis Zamperini, the history of Mr. Zamperini's achievements in athletics, World War II, and his present affiliation with the Billy Graham organizaion. Mr. Pete Zamperini, Louis' brother, likewise reported the exceptional accomplishments of his brother, followed by an introduction of those present on the occasion of this recognition -- parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zamperini; Mrs. Pete Zamperini, Mrs. Louis Zamperini; and, the guest of honor, Mr. Louis Zamperini.

Gratitude for this tribute was expressed by Louis Zamperini -- the City of Torrance and its residents have afforded him a lasting recognition without equal.

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A 5-minute recess followed to permit those present to extend congratulations to Mr. Zamperini.

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10. PRESENTATION OF TILE PLAQUES TO TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO "ZAMPERINI FIELD".

Councilman Armstrong gifted students Jan Karr, Anne Cafarchia and Joanne Wohlers with plaques in recognition of their contribution which culminated in the foregoing presentation.

11. PRESENTATION OF PERMAPLAQUE COMMENDING OFFICER LARRY DAVIS, TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR HIS HEROIC ACTION IN THE FACE OF GRAVE DANGER INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

The bravery of Officer Larry Davis was commended by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, for his outstanding courage. Both Officers Davis and Jackmann (whose life was saved) related the frightening events which occurred while engaged in the performance of their duties, and which resulted in this recognition. There was grateful acceptance of the permaplaque by Officer Davis.

12. PRESENTATION OF TILE PLAQUES TO FORMER COMMISSIONERS.

In recognition of their community service, former Emergency Preparedness Commissioner Ursel C. Nolte and former Civil Service Commissioner Vincent C. Tyrrell were presented plaques so acknowledging this service by Councilmen Brewster and Wilson respectively.

13. PRESENTATION OF TILE PLAQUE TO 1973 LEGISLATIVE INTERN SHERY C. THOMPSON.

The many valuable contributions made by Shery Thompson, as Legislative Intern, were applauded by Councilman Armstrong, with presentation of this plaque -- sincere appreciation for the Legislative Intern program, and this recognition, was expressed by Shery.

14. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

Mr. Tony Cimarusti, Assistant Director, Bureau of Community Affairs, was present to elaborate on the scope, responsibility, and goals of the newly formed Bureau, and the proposed coordination with the City of Torrance.

Noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer were the established procedures in the Torrance Police Department and City Attorney's office relative to consumer fraud complaints.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

15. CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN IN TRACT 26507 (SUNNYGLEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY) AND ADJACENT PROPERTY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the storm drain shown on the subject sketch be adopted as part of the City's Storm Drain Master Plan.
2. That the City construct the storm drain, following normal public works projects procedures, at the expense of the subdivider of Tract 26507.
3. That a reimbursement district be established to return the cost of the portion of the storm drain outside of Tract 26507 (as qualified in communication of record).

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendations of the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Of concern to Councilman Brewster was the fact that while the Tentative Tract Map has been initially approved, there has not been an ordinance following that approval which, in fact, changes the zone on the subject property -- the storm drain approval now requested appears, in his opinion, to "put the cart before the horse".

Councilman Sciarrotta's motion to concur with the City Engineer carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (a "procedural" no).

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. 1973-74 BUDGET REVIEW:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council, on the basis of this mid-year review, direct the City Manager to continue to carry out the programs and levels of service as set forth in the budget for the balance of the fiscal year.

Detailed clarification of the January 29, 1974 report on Mid-Year Budget Review was provided by City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, Budget Officer Ng, Finance Director Dundore, and Purchasing Supervisor White.

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

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LAND MANAGEMENT:

17. POSSIBLE EFFECT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC SITUATION ON AIRPORT RENTAL POLICY.

RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That the City Council take cognizance of the Oriental Gardens case as an indication that the Resolution 68-23 method of rent computation may be incompatible with the current and future national economic situation, and that re-examination of this rental policy is in order.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Item #17 be referred to the Transportation Committee for study, investigation, and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

18. REQUEST FOR RENT ADJUSTMENT - Oriental Gardens Airport Commercial Lease (Schiendler).

Mr. Schiendler was present, and indicated concurrence with Transportation Committee review, per action taken on Item #17.

City Manager Ferraro advised that similar problems have been voiced by other tenants, and they should also be in attendance at the Committee meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to refer Item #18 to the Transportation Committee for study and recommendation, with notification to all FBOs and interested parties. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION authorizing amendment to Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

20. Appointment of Bicentennial Committee.

Withdrawn.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 21.
- ORDINANCE NO. 2462.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR HIS APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, DUTIES AND SUPERVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REASSIGNMENT OF THE DUTIES OF THE PERSONNEL CLERK AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2462 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 22.
- ORDINANCE NO. 2463.

ORDINANCE NO. 2463

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE REASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES OF THE PERSONNEL CLERK AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2463 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 23.
- ORDINANCE NO. 2464.

ORDINANCE NO. 2464

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.4.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DEPARTMENT HEADS APPOINTED BY THE CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2464 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ELECTION MATTERS:

- 24.
- CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT MAP FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - APRIL 9, 1974.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the consolidated precinct map consisting of 82 precincts for the General Municipal Election to be held on April 9, 1974, be approved. (This is a budgeted item).

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. RESOLUTION regarding San Onofre Power Station expansion proposal before State Coastal Commission.

City of Covina action requesting the California Coastal Zone Conservation Commission to rescind its previous action and grant immediate approval for the further development of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station was reviewed by the Council.

The highly technical aspects of the San Onofre expansion proposal were acknowledged. It was the opinion of Councilman Armstrong that the City's action should be that of one governmental body supporting another, without taking definitive action, other than perhaps urging reevaluation in light of the energy crisis --

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

A different opinion was expressed by Councilman Uerkwitz -- there is need for tangible support by way of a resolution of record; to file the matter is no support at all. A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz that an appropriate resolution be prepared by the City Attorney reflecting concurrence with the City of Covina's position. Following discussion, it was agreed by Councilman Uerkwitz that the intent of his motion would not be an order that the California Coastal Zone Commission rescind its previous decision, but, rather, "take another look at it". On this basis, the substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Surber (Councilmen Armstrong and Wilson noted that this has already been done; such reconsideration now scheduled for February 20th.)

Mr. Ben Haggott, Director, The Metropolitan Water District, was present and provided input regarding professional opinions known to him which urge the further development at San Onofre.

Councilman Brewster reaffirmed the extremely complex nature of this subject, and his opinion that the considerations should rest with those knowledgeable in such matters; the substitute motion would then only point out the concerns and request that attention be directed to the problem at the earliest possible date. Concurrence was voiced by Mayor Miller.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson (redundant), and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong. (a "procedural" no).

It was the recommendation of Councilman Sciarrotta that this item be forwarded to the Environmental Quality Commission for review -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Miller noted that the action taken required the preparation of an appropriate Resolution by the City Attorney -- City Clerk Coil requested that the subject Resolution be designated as Resolution No. 74-18. It was so ordered.

26. ORDINANCE re: Newsracks.

Mr. Pat Lewandowski, Chairman, Environmental Quality Commission, pointed out the extensive research of the Commission in this matter, and requested that the subject ordinance be referred to the Environmental Quality Commission for review.

Councilman Wilson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

27. RESOLUTION granting CUP 73-60, Betty G. Ornelas, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BONA FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT ON PROPERTY IN THE C-2 (PP) ZONE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD AND WILKIE AVENUE.

(CUP 73-60 (EA 73-155) - Betty C. Ornelas, Inc.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-19. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at hearing).

28. ORDINANCE re: ZC 73-15, Great Lakes Properties, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 2467

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 ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND MADRONA AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 73-15.

(GREAT LAKES PROPERTIES, INC.)

Councilman Wilson moved to approve Ordinance No. 2467 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Armstrong, Sciarrotta, Surber, Uerkwitz,
Wilson and Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Brewster (not present at hearing).

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APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:29. EA 73-176 (Re: ZC 73-28) DON WILSON BUILDERS.

Appeal of the Environmental Review Board's determination that an Environmental Impact Report is required for a change of zone from R-1 to R-3 (PP) on property located directly east of the Park Camino Apartments at 3320 West Redondo Beach Boulevard.

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, following clarification by Environmental Review Board Chairman Scharfman, invited the proponent to speak.

Representing Don Wilson Builders, Attorney Larry Bowman requested that an EIR not be required, in that there will not be a significant impact on the environment, and further noted that there will be at least three more public hearings on this case, with an abundance of Staff input.

A large number of interested residents were present on this matter, and representative speakers were:

Mr. John McLain, 16506 Cerise - The opposition to the request indicated by letters and people present at this meeting indicate that there will be an impact on the neighborhood; hence an EIR should be required.

Mr. Bill Largent, 18832 Felbar -- representing North Torrance Homeowners Association -- There is much concern regarding the impact of this development. Mr. Largent also confirmed that the letters of protest on ZC 73-28/EA 73-176 would go forward to the Planning Commission.

Mr. John Sadowski, 3227 West 166th Street -- The repeated appearance -- every six months -- of development plans for the subject property was noted. R-1 development only is desired, as has been indicated on each occasion. An Environmental Impact Report should be required, in any event, along with the establishment of a moratorium.

Mr. Bob Collins, 16606 Glenburn -- The Public Notice and referenced zone change was presented by him -- City Clerk Coil read the Notice aloud, and it was again clarified that the Environmental Impact Report requirement is the matter of the advertised public hearing this date.

Mrs. Mary Baldwin, 16610 Glenburn -- There is a strong need for an Environmental Impact Report in order that complete facts can be provided.

Others recommending that an Environmental Impact Report be required were: Mr. Fred Misbarger, 16613 Glenburn; Mr. John Marlow, 16614 Glenburn; Mr. Clark Bennick, 16704 Glenburn; Mr. Ernest Battery, 3231 West 166th Street (who furnished photographs indicating sewage problems); and Mr. Stanley Hoffman, 16606 Falda, who pointed out discrepancies in the description of the subject property.

(It was noted by Councilman Brewster that there has been follow-through on the sewage problems described by Mr. Battery, and it is now in the hands of the County Health Department.)

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Environmental Review Board that an EIR be required, in view of the fact that this is a unique area with significant problems. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:30. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$2,000.00 to Films, Inc. for rental fees for 47 library films for 1974.
2. \$1,656.23 to Baker & Taylor Company for 303 library books.
3. \$302.40 to H.W. Wilson for 9 catalog book indexes from 1927-1937 and 1968-1972.
4. \$870.92 to Doubleday and Company, Inc. for 231 Greenaway Plans.
5. \$313.43 to G.K. Hall & Company for 30 library books.
6. \$1,496.00 to H.W. Wilson Company for various renewal subscriptions for all branch libraries.
7. \$697.05 to Johnsons Stationers of Torrance for five side arm chairs and two desks requested by the Engineering Dept.
8. \$386.98 to Yamada Company for two automatic chain saws requested by the Street Department as replacements.
9. \$494.99 to Overhead Door Service for labor and repair parts requested by Building Maintenance for repairs to overhead doors at City Garage due to wind and trash truck damage.
10. \$567.00 to Halprin Supply for six each 1-and-2-inch wooster valves requested by the Fire Department for replacements.
11. \$2,919.21 to Hersey Meter Company for various Hersey Meter repair parts requested by the Water Department for stock.
12. \$1,380.64 to Essick Machinery Company for one only asphalt paving machine, requested by the Street Dept. as a replacement.
13. \$5,388.00 to Contact Cleaning Company for annual contract for window cleaning services (6 times annually) for all City buildings, requested by the Custodial Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

14. \$551.25 to Best Concrete Products for one only concrete meter vault installed, as requested by the Water Dept. for the Sequoia Pacific Service. Payment has already been received for this service.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

- 31. Withdrawn. (Institute for Planning Commissioners)
- 32. AGREEMENT FOR REFUELING OF PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLES.

RECOMMENDATION OF STREET MAINTENANCE SUPT. AND GASOLINE CONSUMPTION COORDINATOR.

That Council approve entering into an Agreement with Bert Mennes Chevron for refueling of public safety vehicles, and authorize the Mayor to sign said Agreement.

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

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At 8:42 P.M., Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 8:43 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. Desired use of the Library Meeting Room by the Sister City Committee for one week in May was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta, for the purpose of exhibiting materials from Kashiwa.

34. An annual "Police Award Day" was recommended by Councilman Surber -- City Manager Ferraro will report back in this regard in approximately three weeks.

35. Councilman Wilson noted the recent communication from SETHA regarding increased fluid levels, and the concerns pertaining thereto -- it was agreed that this matter would be considered by the Ad Hoc Committee on Oil at their February 5th meeting.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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