

June 10, 1974

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 Monday, June 10, 1974, at 5:40 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Wilson (out of the country).

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Treasurer Rupert led in the salute to the flag.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION.

A. ALTERNATIVE FINANCING FOR 1974-75.

City Manager Ferraro presented his report of record re: possible sources of alternative financing and the implications thereof.

Mr. Jack Schmidt, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, responded to the City Manager's presentation, and again stressed the importance of retaining the utility users tax exemption.

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Janet Pryor stated that the foregoing presents a strong case for the removal of the utility users tax exemption, minus any plea of unfairness by industry -- to continue to exempt industry and at the same time imposing increases of user taxes for households tests the League's traditional sense of equity in taxation.

Mrs. James Walker and Mrs. Grace Lear deemed the exemption a discrimination against other Torrance residents not so exempted, and urged its repeal.

Council discussion followed, and it was agreed to withhold any formal action pending Chamber Budget Review Committee presentation on Thursday, June 13th.

At 7:00 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn the Budget Workshop Session to Thursday, June 13, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous (Councilman Wilson absent). (Noted was the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, June 11th, as was the fact that no Workshop meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th, due to graduation ceremonies.)

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Ben Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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