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Adjourned at 8:30 P.M. to Tuesday, July 16, 1974, at
5:00 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, July 9, 1974, at 7:00 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, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, Deputy City Clerk Moss, and City Treasurer Rupert. Absent: City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Dick Rossburg led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father Patrick McHugh, Nativity Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 1974, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Brewster moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Surber moved that after the City 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 Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.Police, Fire, Public Safety:

Met this date re: disciplinary ordinance -- report to Council will be forthcoming.

Will next meet on July 16th at 4:00 P.M. re: Paramedics.

Civil Service Committee:

Will meet on July 10th at 3:00 P.M.

Parks, Recreation and Community Development:

Will next meet on Monday, July 15th, at 4:00 P.M. re: relationship of Friends of Madrona Marsh and the City.

Item 19 was taken at this time, out of order:

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:19. INTRODUCTION OF TORRANCE YOUTH WHO WILL REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY IN KASHIWA, JAPAN.

Mr. Brian Bell provided introductions of the five Torrance students selected to represent the City in Kashiwa, Japan -- a warm welcome was extended them, along with good wishes for a successful trip.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:9. RESOLUTION requesting an allocation of County Aid to Cities Funds and "In Lieu" Federal Aid Urban Funds for the Prairie-Madrona Improvement Project.RESOLUTION NO. 74-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID TO CITIES FUNDS AND "IN LIEU" FEDERAL-AID URBAN FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE IMPROVEMENT, INCLUDING EMBANKMENT AND BRIDGE STRUCTURE FOR A RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION, OF PRAIRIE AVENUE BETWEEN 190TH STREET AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-143. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND SIGNS:10. RESOLUTION authorizing the amendment to agreement with Heitschmidt/Mounce/Associates to add study and plans for Emergency Operating Center.RESOLUTION NO. 74-144

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 FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND HEITSCHMIDT/MOUNCE/ASSOCIATES FOR ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES INCORPORATING AN EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTER INTO THE COST STUDY FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE JAIL AND POLICE FACILITY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-144. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

11. ORDINANCE repealing Chapter 25 of Division 2 relating to Utility Users' Tax and substituting a new Chapter 25 therefor terminating February 1, 1975.

ORDINANCE NO. 2493

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 25 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UTILITY USERS' TAX AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 25 THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER; AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2492 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2493 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Councilman Armstrong expressed his concern for the fact that no criteria has been established and yet abandonment at a certain time has been determined -- this will only necessitate the same kind of labor, arguments, analysis, pleadings, only to come down to the same decision again. Mr. Armstrong then offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That there be a study of all revenue sources, compare all figures and compilations, and then make a determination about an adjustment after such an analysis is in, not before. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, but failed to carry, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert.
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz;
Mayor Miller.

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wilson.

The main motion to approve Ordinance No. 2493 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz;
Mayor Miller
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert.
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Wilson.

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12. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of an Agreement with Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for 1974-75.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1974-75.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-145. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was the comment of Councilman Uerkwitz, at the time of his affirmative vote, that it was based on new budget procedures and the "180° turnaround" -- it would seem that an itemized accounting for dollars spent by the Chamber is near.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

13. REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS WAGES, HOURS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

City Manager Ferraro advised that an Executive Session was not now necessary, and cancelled same.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

14. ORDINANCE - Oil Well Equipment.
15. NOISE ORDINANCE - Oil Production Equipment.
16. ORDINANCE - Prohibition of drilling, redrilling, and deepening of oil wells from surface locations inside and outside the City without a permit.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that agenda items 14, 15, and 16 be referred to the Ad Hoc Oil Committee, in view of recent correspondence on these matters.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above request of the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Mayor Miller directed that Councilman Brewster serve as Temporary Chairman of this committee, in the absence of Councilman Wilson, and that Councilman Surber serve as a member, until the return of Dr. Wilson.

17. ORDINANCE - Oil Well Operation Time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2505

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.8.7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION TIME OF OIL WELL REPAIR, DRILLING AND MAINTENANCE..

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2505 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

18. ORDINANCE - Enclosure of Unattended Oil Equipment.

ORDINANCE NO. 2506

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.9.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING THE ENCLOSURE OF OIL WELL SITES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2506 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

19. Heard earlier in the meeting - Page 2.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2499.

ORDINANCE NO. 2499

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2499 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2500.

ORDINANCE NO. 2500

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
SOUTH SIDE OF MARICOPA STREET APPROXIMATELY
300 FEET EAST OF AMIE AVENUE AND DESCRIBED
IN ZONE CHANGE 74-5.
(TOTAL CONCEPTS CORPORATION)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2500 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2501.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.11.9
RELATING TO THE COMMENCEMENT AND EXPIRATION
OF DRILLING PERMITS FOR OIL WELLS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2501 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2502.

ORDINANCE NO. 2502

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 97.8.9
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING
TO APPLICATION OF DRILLING CONDITIONS TO
CERTAIN OIL WELL HOLES.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2502 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2503.

ORDINANCE NO. 2503

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF
ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER 7 OF DIVISION 9 OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING A NEW
SECTION 2 THERETO AND RENUMBERING EXISTING
SECTIONS 2 THROUGH 11.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2503 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2504.ORDINANCE NO. 2504

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.10.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING PERIODIC INSPECTION OF OIL STORAGE TANKS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2504 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:26. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO R-2 ZONE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION/PLANNING DEPARTMENT:
That the R-2 zone be amended to reflect the requirements of the R-1 zone.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

27. HEARING ON APPEAL CUP 74-41 & PP 74-12, RODGERS & McDONALD PUBLISHERS, INC. Automatic appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Precise Plan of Development to allow the remodeling and construction of additional floor area in an existing furniture store in the C-3 zone, located on the south side of Sepulveda Boulevard approximately 200 feet east of Madrona Avenue.
APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Time and place for public hearing was announced by Mayor Miller.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that this item be delayed for one week in order that Staff may analyze the impact of this project on the future street of Sepulveda.

The proponent, Mr. Robert Grimes, was present, and indicated concurrence with the delay.

Also considered at this time:

28. RESOLUTION approving CUP 74-41, RODGERS & McDONALD PUBLISHERS, INC.29. RESOLUTION approving PP 74-12, RODGERS & McDONALD PUBLISHERS, INC.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the request of the City Manager to continue items #27, 28, and 29 to the Council meeting of July 16th. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Also considered, out of order:

32. HEARING ON APPEAL CUP 74-42 and PP 74-13, ROBERT W. GRIMES. Automatic appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit and a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a 2-story building and the addition of

additional retail floor area to an existing building in the C-3 zone on property located on the south side of Sepulveda Boulevard approximately 200 feet east of Madrona Avenue.
APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

33. RESOLUTION approving CUP 74-42, ROBERT W. GRIMES.

34. RESOLUTION approving PP 74-13, ROBERT W. GRIMES.

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 likewise requested that these items be delayed for one week to permit Staff analysis of this project on the future street of Madrona.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the request of the City Manager to continue Items #32, 33, and 34 to the Council meeting of July 16, 1974, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

30. HEARING ON APPEAL PP 74-11, R.G. GARLAND CORPORATION.

Automatic appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a 5-unit apartment building in the RR-3 (PP) zone on property located on the south side of 182nd Street approximately 400 feet east of Prairie Avenue. APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject hearing -- this being an automatic City Council-directed review of significant developments prior to General Plan adoption.

There being no one present who wished to be heard, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of PP 74-11. His motion ^{was} seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

31. RESOLUTION approving PP 74-11, R.G. GARLAND CORPORATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE
PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 5-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE
RR-3 (PP) ZONE LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF
182ND STREET APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET EAST OF
PRAIRIE AVENUE.

PP 74-11 (EA 74-73) - R.G. GARLAND CORPORATION.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-146. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

35. ORDINANCE re: ZC 74-6, AULDRIDGE & MOORE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2507

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 NORTH SIDE OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 675 FEET EAST OF YUKON AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 74-6.
(AULDRIDGE & MOORE)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2507 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

36. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION setting a Public Hearing of Proposed Underground Utility District No. 4.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH TORRANCE UNDERGROUND UTILITY. DISTRICT NO. 4 (CARSON STREET) AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-147. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

37. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$2,336.61 to Ingram Paper Company for the purchase of 120 cases of various sizes, colors and weights of paper, as required by the Central Services Division.
2. \$2,261.67 to Howard Supply Company for 580 feet of 4" steel pipe as requested by the City Garage to install a water supply system for safety reasons at our L.P.G. storage tank site.

3. \$523.55 to Powerhouse, Inc. to overhaul one only Ford industrial engine, as requested by the City Garage.
4. \$487.60 to Angelus Typewriter Company for one only calculator, as requested by the Engineering Department.
5. \$857.54 to Associated of Los Angeles for the purchase of one "size 5" magnetic contactor required on an emergency basis for the Water Department pump station.
6. \$572.40 to Alexander Manufacturing for the purchase of 120 Alexander batteries used in Police and Fire portable radios.

38. REFUND OF FEES - John Lococo

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That there be compliance with the request of Mr. John Lococo, since no work was done under the permits and no inspections were made, for refund in the amount of \$2,326.70, retaining \$25 of the original fees collected for administrative expenses.

39. REFUND OF FEES - Mr. and Mrs. Kunima Tamura

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That there be compliance with the request of Mr. and Mrs. Kunima Tamura, since no work was done under the permits and no inspections were made, for refund in the amount of \$5,216.00, retaining \$25 of the original fee collected for administrative expenses.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #37, 38, and #39. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Councilman Wilson absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

40. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

1. Accept the offer of American Home Assurance Company to underwrite a limit of \$2,000,000 excess of \$100,000 self insurance retention;
2. Authorize increasing the General Fund Workmen's Compensation Catastrophe Reserve to \$150,000.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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The hour being 7:55 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). The Council returned at 7:56 P.M. to consider:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41. City Manager Ferraro noted the request of the Regional Coastal Commission to use the Council Chambers on September 13th and October 25th from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. Concurrence with the request was indicated by the Council.
42. The vast amounts of paper represented by voluminous material necessary for Council agenda items was deplored by Councilman Armstrong, with the request that there be review of some possible manner of reusing this paper.
43. Councilman Brewster reported on the July 8th meeting of Municipal Bus Operators of the RTD, wherein it was proposed to take over the Greyhound Bus Line in Torrance -- a meeting with Staff on this matter was requested by Mr. Brewster.
44. At the request of Councilman Uerkwitz, a videotape of the signing of the Corridor Study, an auspicious occasion which occurred in the City of Torrance, was presented.
45. It was the request of Mayor Miller that City Staff get together with Chamber Staff re: the forthcoming Bicentennial Celebration. City Manager Ferraro described efforts to date for this event.
46. A communication from Mr. Harold Schlens regarding traffic and parking problems on the vacant lot at the south end of the Esplanade was presented. Present to reaffirm such problems were Mr. Ralph Keller, 1804 Esplanade; Mrs. Marjorie Curritty, Vista Bahia; Mr. Harold Schlens, 201 Calle Miramar (author of subject letter); and Mr. Dick Reardon, 1806 Esplanade.

It was the consensus of the Council that this matter be referred to Staff, with a report back in two weeks -- it was the further direction of the Council that any interim measures which might properly be taken to provide relief be done.

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At 8:30 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to Tuesday, July 16, 1974, at 5:00 P.M. for Commission interviews. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance
Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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

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