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Adjourned at 12:50 A.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 1974, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Surber, Wilson, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil.  
Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Jess Holmes led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Lloyd Newlin, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 1974, 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 was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Public Works Committee:

Met this date re: trash containers -- report will be forthcoming.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Will next meet on August 14th at 5:00 P.M. -- a breakfast meeting with School Board members has been scheduled for August 15th at 7:30 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Presentation of 1974 Rodeo film.

Mr. Harold Lippard, Torrance Mounted Posse, provided a most unique screening of the 1974 Rodeo, with a cast of thousands, starring Councilmen Brewster, Surber, and Uerkwitz -- an Academy Award contender, for sure.

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Introduction of the delegation of students from Kashiwa, Japan was provided by Mr. Brian Bell -- a warm welcome was extended them by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council and the City of Torrance.

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10. BUS SYSTEM TASK FORCE "REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM" FINAL REPORT.

Mr. Brian Bell presented the Final Report of the Bus System Task Force (a matter of record). These efforts were highly commended by the Council -- Task Force members were present for such acknowledgement. The following formal action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that the subject report be referred to the Traffic Commission for analysis and recommendation -- further, that their be appropriate recognition of the achievement of the Bus System Task Force, as a token of Council appreciation and gratitude. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Pat Tyrrell, vice president, League of Women Voters, likewise commended the Bus System Task Force for its outstanding report.

REAL PROPERTY:

11. PUBLIC BID SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the subject surplus parcels of land be offered for public bid sale in accordance with Bid Schedule 74-43 (of record).

Clarification was provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman. The R-1 lots on Via Valmonte were of concern to Councilwoman Geissert, who noted existing problems in this area, and urged that Lots B and C be combined, in order that there be Code compliance as to lot size.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Land Management Team. The motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Geissert (feels lots B & C should be combined).

12. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement with the Southern California Edison Company to renew license to the City of Torrance of the Post Substation property for recreation purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-178

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 RENEWAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR THE USE OF THE LOMITA SUBSTATION SITE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-178. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement for County-City Traffic Signal and Highway Safety Lighting Maintenance.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-179

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 OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-179. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

14. SUR LA BREA PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Adopt subject resolution which approves the agreement with the Graners for the purchase of Parcel E.
2. Approves the purchase of Parcel F from the Aggens, less the oil rights at the Court-awarded price.
3. Approves the Agreement with Mrs. Powers for the purchase of Parcel G, less the oil rights.

4. Approves the two oil leases with Mr. Graner on Parcels F and G.
5. Places the royalty payments from the Graner wells in the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund, earmarked to defray the future acquisition and development costs for Sur La Brea Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION/PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: That the City Council:

1. Approve the subject Agreements with the Graners (Parcel E), Aggens and Powers, as recommended by the City Attorney.
2. Disapprove the two proposed leases with Mr. Graner, and, instead, purchase all the oil rights of Mr. Graner in Parcels F and G at the court price.

Staff presentations were made by Messrs. Remelmeyer and Van Bellehem.

Present, to provide further clarification regarding the increased fluid level of wells on the subject property, was Professor Van Wingen -- Council discussion was directed to their concerns in this regard, the general matter of waterflooding, monitoring, Division of Oil and Gas authority, etc.

Also present was Appraiser Tom Fryberg who provided pertinent information regarding the acquisition process of the parcels of land for Sur La Brea Park.

Mrs. Marion Lyman, 1922 West 237th Street, chairman, SETHA Park Committee, referred to the SETHA resolution of opposition to the continuance of oil operations on Sur La Brea Park (of record), and further noted the current inflationary trend and the effect on future purchase of oil rights, as compared to the present time. Other concerns of SETHA residents are: the safety of the children playing at the park with wells in operation, and the attendant trucks and equipment in servicing the wells; the noise and odor created by oil wells; the long hours involved (7 AM to 8 PM) for well servicing, with limited park supervision; etc. It is the request of SETHA, per Mrs. Lyman, that the Council approve the agreements to purchase the surface rights of Parcels E, F, and G, and to disapprove the two proposed oil leases, and, instead, purchase all the oil rights at the court price and abandon the wells.

Next to speak was Mrs. Alta Jemile, 1918 West 237th Street, who, as a mother of two small children, expressed her fears regarding the giant rigs which service the oil wells, and provided pictures of such equipment on the site, along with a petition from Sur La Brea Park children stating "please make our park bigger, but, please, take off the oil wells."

Attorney Thomas Baggett, representing Mr. J.B. Graner, noted that the City, not Mr. Graner, has taken the initiative in this matter -- he reviewed the negotiations which have consumed some two years in time, and deemed this a deal on which the City cannot lose.

Mr. Henry Nowicki, 2535 - 232nd Street, deplored the "scare tactics" introduced in this matter by Messrs. Remelmeyer and Van Wingen, and advised that whether or not the subject three wells are

abandoned, it has nothing to do with the Superior waterflooding matter, a matter purely between Superior and the Division of Oil and Gas.

Mr. David Lyman, 1922 - 237th Street, reported on his observance of Mr. Graner's activities on an oil well site adjacent to his home, and the complete lack of success in contacting him in times of stress and concern. Mr. Lyman also pointed out the problems which would be faced by the Council in assuming these oil interests.

On behalf of SETHA's Oil Committee, Mr. Arnold S. Johnson, 2278 - 232nd Street, stated their finding that "they can find no way to reconcile the incompatibility of oil production and well maintenance and overwork with the functions of a neighborhood park". Mr. Johnson then noted considerations pertaining to environmental quality, elimination of non-conforming uses, etc., and urged abatement of the oil wells in City parks at the earliest opportunity in conformance to Master Plan #2 for Southeast Torrance and in accord with the officially adopted Development Plan for Sur La Brea Park.

The last speaker was Mrs. Dee Hardison, 2024 West 236th Street, secretary for SETHA, who noted the lack of usable space, as for a baseball diamond, at Sur La Brea Park -- here is an opportunity to acquire a flat piece of land which would permit expansion of park activities.

Council discussion followed -- questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz were the merits of land bank vs. fullest use of the park, a decision bringing about "mixed emotions". It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that funds are available for purchase of the needed parcels, and this should be done as soon as possible -- the City should not be in the oil business, per Dr. Wilson. Concurrence with these comments was voiced by Councilwoman Geissert, adding that where oil is a non-conforming use in residential areas, it would be a mistake for the City to go into business which, in essence, would condone the continuance of a non-conforming use, particularly on City land.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Director and the City Manager in acquisition of both the surface and the mineral rights of Parcels E, F, and G, with the expressed hope that ways can be found to acquire the land to the north, with the continued patience of Southeast Torrance homeowners. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Mayor Miller, prior to roll call vote on the motion, indicated his concurrence, and acknowledged a "moral obligation"; however, there is need for analysis from this point on as to where the City is going with Sur La Brea Park as it relates to other projects in the community.

It was pointed out by Councilman Brewster that concurrence with the above motion warrants "sweetening the kitty" in order to

go after all the land, recognizing that any development other than the open area would have to be deferred for an indefinite period of time.

Roll call vote on Councilwoman Geissert's motion was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that Staff report back on the status of funds available for purchase of the entire lands remaining.

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The hour being 9:55 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as the 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 at 9:59 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss wages, hours, and working conditions, following confirmation by City Attorney Remelmeyer that this is proper subject matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 15. ORDINANCE/Memoranda of Understanding - T.L.E.A.; "Engineers"; T.O.C.E. and T.P.P.R.E.O.

Held for end of meeting - See Page 12.

- 16. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY PROVIDING FOR AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-180. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Clarification regarding the effect of such policy was provided by both City Manager Ferraro and Assistant to the City Manager Jackson, it being specifically pointed out by Mr. Jackson that it will be necessary to either show that existing job requirements are job-related or they will have to be modified so that they are job-related. Also noted by Mr. Jackson was the "protective device" of Title VII, as were the definitions which will be afforded by this program.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 74-180 was unanimously favorable.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:17. PROPOSED ERNIE HOWLETT PARK IN ROLLING HILLS ESTATES.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR/PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR: That a letter be directed to the City of Rolling Hills Estates indicating that the proposed park is compatible with existing and proposed land uses in the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:18. HEARING ON APPEAL CUP 74-25, COBABE, MILLER & COBABE.

Appeal of a Planning Commission condition of approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of two office buildings in the C-2 zone located on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard approximately 150 feet north of Rolling Hills Road.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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, following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Attorney Robert McNulty, representing the proponent, outlined the problems presented by the Planning Commission condition "That the exterior walls, second-story balcony and roof line of Building A shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the front property line." Renderings were displayed by Mr. McNulty, with note of the substantial open space provided on this unique piece of property, and the extensive redesign efforts which have gone into this project.

Council discussion ensued -- of particular concern was the effect of an 8-ft. setback on the line of sight for Crenshaw Boulevard traffic.

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

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of CUP 74-25, subject to conditions, with the following modifications: That Condition #22 be deleted, and subject to approval by the Director of Transportation as to line of sight. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Mr. McNulty indicated concurrence with the requirement that there be Director of Transportation approval.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz,  
Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Geissert (this is overbuilding).

(It was noted that Planning Commission recommendation #4 should state: "That all buildings shall be soundproofed in a manner satisfactory to the Building and Safety Department." (rather than Department of Transportation). Further, it was noted that the proposed building will be constructed over a storm drain, and there will be engineering problems associated therewith. This information likewise was acknowledged by Mr. McNulty.)

19. HEARING ON APPEAL CUP 74-30, GEORGE H. WHITTLESEY (WHITTLESEY MOTORS): Automatic appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow minor remodeling to existing facilities and the construction of an additional showroom on the north side of Pacific Coast Highway approximately 200 feet west of Douglas Way (2955 Pacific Coast Highway). APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

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 hearing -- this being an automatic City Council-directed review of significant developments prior to Master Plan adoption. It was noted at this time that the proponent is appealing conditions #5 and #6 pertaining to landscaping.

Mr. George Whittlesey was present to elaborate on the hardship represented by such landscaping requirements -- noted was the restricted operating area for his business, as well as past voluntary landscaping efforts, the problem of front line overhang of his automobiles, the loss of valuable space for display purposes, etc.

Concurrence with the revised wording on Condition #2 -- "That there shall be 'NO STOPPING ANYTIME - TOW AWAY' restrictions on Pacific Coast Highway when, in the opinion of the Director of Transportation, said restriction is necessary to improve traffic flow and/or safety." -- was indicated by Mr. Whittlesey.

It was the suggestion of Councilman Brewster, during the ensuing lengthy discussion, that consideration be given an arrangement whereby there could be a decorative brick curbing at the property line which would accommodate the overhang area, along with shrub wells for the landscaping effect. Also considered was deletion of landscaping at the southeasterly corner (Condition #6).

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

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with the following modifications: That condition #2 be revised as above noted, and that condition #6 be deleted. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, but FAILED

TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Commissioner Armstrong moved to concur with the Planning Commission, with the following modifications: That Condition #2 be revised as above noted; that Condition #6 be deleted; and that Condition #5 be revised to state: "That a 5-ft. strip of decorative masonry and redwood with well planters for Juniper plants be provided along the front property line, the concept to be developed by Planning Director Shartle." The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

20. RESOLUTION APPROVING CUP 74-30, George H. Whittlesey  
 (Whittlesey Motors)

RESOLUTION NO. 74-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW MINOR REMODELING TO EXISTING FACILITIES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SHOWROOM FOR NEW-CAR DISPLAY AND SALES CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2,340 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA ON PROPERTY IN THE C-3 ZONE LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET WEST OF DOUGLAS WAY AT 2955 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

(CUP 74-30 (EA 74-55) - GEORGE H. WHITTLESEY)  
 (Whittlesey Motors)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-181, as amended in Item #19. The motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

21. PROPOSED CODE MODIFICATION TO ALLOW THE ON-SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE C-R ZONE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2511 (ORDINANCE B)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 91.25.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND AMENDING SECTION 95.3.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ON-SALE LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2511 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$991.60 to Robert Shaw Company to modify five Stephenson Rescue Resuscitator Regulators, requested by the Fire Department.
2. \$2,360.00 to Metrez Management Corporation for 515 updated to scale zoning maps, as requested by the Planning Department.
3. \$1,379.25 to RCT Graphics to microfilm old copies of Torrance Press Herald from 1958-1966, as requested by the City Librarian.
4. \$438.84 to Action Vacuum Company to purchase three carpet vacuums, as requested by the Custodial Dept. as replacements.
5. \$1,485.06 to Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc. for radio test equipment consisting of one only Motorola signal generator and one only volt/amp multimeter, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
6. \$809.26 to Hewlett-Packard Company for two pieces of radio testing equipment consisting of one only Hewlett frequency counter and one only volt/amp multimeter, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
7. \$796.80 to Associated of Los Angeles for 12 mercury vapor street light ballasts, as requested by the Department of Transportation for replacements.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

8. \$386.94 to Smart & Final Iris Co. for the purchase of coffee, sugar and fruit punches requested by the Park and Recreation Department for use at various Recreation programs.
9. \$503.50 to Best Concrete Products for one only concrete meter vault as requested by the Water Department for installation for the Torino Construction Company on Newton Street. Payment has already been received.

23. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT PER BID NO. B74-31.RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That Council approve payment to Schwall Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$12,068, as a partial payment for the repair

and refinishing of the asphalt game courts at parks of record, per Bid #B74-31 -- the conditions for partial payment have been met.

24. Withdrawn.

25. CLAIM of Harry Van Bellehem 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.

26. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO PRESENT LATE CLAIM FOR MADALINE CABY FOR PERSONAL INJURY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above application for leave to file a late claim on behalf of Madaline Caby be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendations on agenda items #22, #23, #25, and #26. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

27. RESOLUTION to Senator Stevens re: Madrona Marsh.

See Page 12.

28. SECOND READING - ORDINANCE NO. 2510. (Special Step Pay - TPOA)

ORDINANCE NO. 2510

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.83.5  
(c) OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2510 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Armstrong, Wilson.

29. RESOLUTION re: Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE CORPORATE  
EXISTENCE AND PURPOSES OF THE TORRANCE  
PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDING CORPORATION  
AND APPROVING THE DIRECTORS OF SAID  
CORPORATION

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-183. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The resignation of Member James Newell was noted, and it was the request of Mayor Miller that Council members submit names for consideration for this vacancy at a future Council meeting.

Taken, at this time:

27. RESOLUTION re: Madrona Marsh - Madrona Wildlife Park;  
Senator Stevens.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE HONORABLE  
SENATOR ROBERT S. STEVENS TO INTRODUCE A  
BILL BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE  
REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000  
FROM THE BAGLEY FUND TO BE USED TO ASSIST  
THE CITY IN THE ACQUISITION OF THE  
MADRONA MARSH (MADRONA WILDLIFE PARK).

Prior to taking action on the Resolution, there was extensive clarification by Mayor Miller, Park and Recreation Director Van Bellehem, and City Manager Ferraro.

Mrs. Grace Lear, representing Friends of Madrona Marsh, noted the reference to "Donation of 15 Acres by Developer" in the subject material which would indicate a foregone conclusion that there will be a developer in a position of donating land. Mrs. Lear urged Council support of this legislation and all like legislation.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-182. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The Council returned to:

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE/MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING - T.L.E.A., "Engineers",  
T.O.C.E. and T.P.P.R.E.O.

On behalf of the Civil Service Commission, Commissioner Max Kelly noted Commission findings at their August 12th meeting --

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the subject material was forwarded "without comment" for the following reasons: "the mode, techniques, and timing of negotiations preclude the Commission's effectively, meaningfully advising the Council; the Commission has reservations about the manner in which some of the negotiations are conducted; in view of many items which have been negotiated over the past three to four years, the Commission is not sure that it clearly understands the Council's intention relative to the maintenance of a Civil Service system." Further noted by Mr. Kelly was the Commission's hope that a meeting could be held with the Council's Civil Service Committee at the earliest possible date with these and other questions. Mayor Miller directed that the requested meeting be scheduled.

City Clerk Coil assigned numbers and read titles to the following ordinances:

T.L.E.A.

ORDINANCE NO. 2512

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART VII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND ADDING A NEW PART VII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2512 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

"Engineers"

ORDINANCE NO. 2513

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART III OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE "ENGINEERS" AND ADDING A NEW PART III TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2513 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

T.O.C.E.

ORDINANCE NO. 2514

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART IX OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES

REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE ORGANIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND ADDING A NEW PART IX TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2514 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

T.P.P.R.E.O.

ORDINANCE NO. 2515

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW PART XIII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARK AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2515 at its first reading. His motion<sup>was</sup> seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

30. RESOLUTION commending Mr. Sam Stewart.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING SAM STEWART, RETIRING EDITOR OF THE SOUTH BAY DAILY BREEZE, FOR HIS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AND DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-184. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. Councilman Armstrong happily reported that his illness of last week was without complications -- he was the apparent victim of some sort of gastro-intestinal disorder.

32. The dedicated efforts of Congressman Wilson in the acquisition of the Naval Annex Property were lauded by Councilman Armstrong, who urged that this future park be named in his honor as a symbol of Torrance's appreciation. Further, that plans be formulated for appropriate ceremonies in the acceptance of this valuable land.

There was review of the status of the property, and it was agreed to hold any formal action in abeyance.

It was the further request of Councilman Armstrong that Staff assess the possible security problem at this site, and seek the cooperation and assistance of the Federal Government in this matter.

33. It was the recommendation of Councilman Armstrong that the City of Torrance -- as the sponsor of the largest Armed Forces Day Parade in the nation -- invite the Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, to be present on this occasion.

34. At the request of Councilwoman Geissert, Planning Director Shartle reported on the status of the Palos Verdes Boulevard condominium development considerations, noting that a Committee meeting had been scheduled for August 14th; hopefully, an acceptable compromise can be achieved.

Also noted by Councilman Wilson were Coastal Commission concerns regarding this development and the homeowner complaints.

35. Councilman Uerkwitz reiterated his request that there be appropriate recognition for those citizens who assisted Torrance Police Officers in the recent Ohrbach's incident.

36. Councilman Uerkwitz referred to the proposed naming of the Charles Wilson Park, and recommended referral to the Park and Recreation Commission, based on City policy.

The unique efforts of Congressman Wilson in this particular circumstance were pointed out by Mayor Miller and Councilman Armstrong -- he was deemed "a man who has worked his heart out".

37. The groundbreaking ceremony at the Japanese Cultural Center was noted by Councilman Wilson, as was the need to cooperate with this facility. It was the recommendation of Dr. Wilson that there be review by the Fine Arts Commission and the Human Resources Commission regarding such cooperation and assistance. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 12:50 A.M.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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City Council  
 August 13, 1974