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Adjourned at 8:45 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., October 1, 1974.

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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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 Tuesday, September 24, 1974, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert, Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, 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:

Assistant City Manager Scharfman led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Edward Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of August 29, 1974, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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 Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Finance Committee:

Met on September 23rd re: reproduction of public documents, and it is necessary to schedule a second meeting, per Councilwoman Geissert.

PROCLAMATIONS:

## 9. Torrance Employment Service Office Day.

Held for later in the meeting -- See Page 4.

HEARINGS OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

## 10. Appeal from discharge of Morton Hesse.

Held for later in the meeting -- See Page 3.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:11. RESOLUTION approving the construction of 1970 Bond Issue Project HUD-4 North Redondo Beach Project, Unit 2.RESOLUTION NO. 74-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING 1970 BOND  
ISSUE PROJECT HUD-4 NORTH REDONDO BEACH  
PROJECT, UNIT 2.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-222. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SANITATION MATTERS:12. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE regarding Rubbish Containers.RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

- (1) That a 40-gallon limit, a 60 lb. weight limit, and a standardized container requirement be imposed; and
- (2) That a three-weeks warning notice, via a new stick-on tag, be given residents.

Clarification of the Committee's findings was provided by Councilman Brewster -- formal Staff presentation was made by Street Superintendent Kirkruff.

Present were Mr. Ben Kidner, president, Local 1117, AFSCME, and large number of Sanitation Department employees to confirm existing problems with oversized and non-standard shaped rubbish containers, and to urge approval of the subject Emergency Ordinance.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to :

ORDINANCE NO. 2525

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING 43.2.8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS FOR RECEPTACLES AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Council discussion ensued prior to taking action on Ordinance No. 2525 -- noted was the importance of public education regarding this program and the need therefor. The "Emergency" aspect of this ordinance was of concern to Councilwoman Geissert; it would be her preference that the ordinance be presented in the usual first and second reading order in order that the public would have time to respond.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2525 at its first and only reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (there should be the regular ordinance procedure).

It was pointed out by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that the above ordinance applies only to receptacles for single-family and duplex residences, and is not applicable to commercial collectors.

Councilwoman Geissert further commented that she is not at all opposed to the concept in this matter, but merely to the emergency nature of the ordinance.

The Council returned to:

10. APPEAL FROM DISCHARGE OF MORTON HESSE.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time, date, and place previously set by the City Council to hear the appeal of Police Officer Morton Hesse, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Attorney Stephen Solomon, representing Mr. Hesse, advised that, at a late hour this date, the City's doctor's report was received which, in substance, relates Mr. Hesse's alcoholism problem to his job. In view of the pending Workmen's Compensation case, and this late information, it was the request of Mr. Solomon that this matter be continued for one month in order that the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board can make a determination re: whether or not Mr. Hesse is entitled to disability retirement -- an affirmative determination would make the entire proceedings moot, per Mr. Solomon.

City Attorney Remelmeyer indicated that he would have no objections to the requested continuance, as did Deputy Attorney Berman.

Objections were voiced by Councilman Uerkwitz who could see no relationship between the subject determination and the charges against Mr. Hesse.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson and Captain Hammond of the Police Department pointed out the extended delays in this matter, the unfilled position, etc., and noted the need to expedite this case.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to grant the request for continuance to November 12, 1974, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,  
Surber, Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz (does not believe it  
relevant).

Taken at this time:

PROCLAMATIONS:

9. TORRANCE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE DAY.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller. Mrs. Dorothy Goodrich was present to convey appreciation for this recognition, on behalf of the Torrance Employment Service Office.

REAL PROPERTY:

13. EAST VICTOR PRECINCT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

At the Council meeting of September 17th, the Council referred the Skypark project to the City Manager's Staff so that we could survey the interests of property owners involved. Should Council desire the City Manager to conduct a similar survey with regard to the subject area, we would carry it out in the same time frame.

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

ELECTION MATTERS:

14. SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - November 5, 1974.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

- a) That the sum of \$11,347.00 be appropriated for the conduct of the Special Municipal Election (consolidated with the General Statewide Election) to be held November 5, 1974, from the General Fund; and
- b) That authorization be given to retain the firm of Martin & Chapman, election supplier, to furnish the printed pamphlets to be enclosed with the sample ballots at a cost of \$3,847.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk. The motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement with Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc. for consulting services in connection with the study of noise environment of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOLT BERANEK AND NEWMAN, INCORPORATED FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE STUDY OF NOISE ENVIRONMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-223. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding hours, wages and working conditions.

Held for later in the meeting. See Page 8.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2523.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART VIII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 17.86.3 ENTITLED INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2523 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2524.

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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 LOMITA BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET EAST OF MADISON STREET.  
(TORPLEX III, LTD. and W/F PROPERTIES)

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2524 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. RESOLUTION declaring intention to award Franchise to Standard Gas Company and providing for the Publication of Notice of Public Hearing thereon.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO AWARD A FRANCHISE TO STANDARD GAS COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDRO-CARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-224. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At this point in the meeting, Fine Arts Commissioner Tom Wilson introduced, with much pleasure, Mr. Ken Cunningham, Consul-General in Los Angeles of the country of New Zealand. Mr. Cunningham reported on the activities of the Band of New Zealand performing this date at El Camino College, and to express appreciation for this opportunity for such a performance.

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APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

20. HEARING ON APPEAL D74-17, CHACKSFIELD MERIT HOMES CORP.

The hour of 7:30 P.M. having not yet arrived, this item was held for later in the meeting. (See Page 8).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

21. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$548.66 to Target Chemical Company for 24 gallons of special chemicals as requested by the Park Services Division.
2. \$638.59 to Motorola Communications & Electronics for various miscellaneous repair parts and tubes as requested by the Department of Transportation for the communication system.

3. \$1097.10 to Motorola Communications & Electronics for two Motorola remote control consoles as requested by the Department of Transportation for the Police-Fire Paramedic communication system.
4. \$2165.58 to Motorola Communications & Electronics for two Motorola vehicle radios as requested by the Police Department as replacements.
5. \$1877.42 to Motorola Communications & Electronics for one portable and one mobile Motorola radio unit as requested by the Fire Department as replacements.
6. \$417.22 to Lewellen Press of Torrance for 9,350 various type license renewal permits as requested by the License Division.
7. \$368.67 to Lomita Plaster Company for 2,000 block, 300 feet of steel, and cement, as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for the El Retiro parking lot planters.
8. \$8458.80 to Chandler's Palos Verdes Sand & Gravel for 3,000 tons processed miscellaneous base on annual contract, to be delivered as requested by the Street Department (Reference Bid #B74-46)
9. \$11,095.90 to Moore-Cottrell-Maxwell for annual contract for subscriptions to periodicals for the year 1975 as requested by the City Librarian for all 6 branches.
10. \$2162.37 to Torrance Desk for 4 desks, 10 chairs, 3 tables, 2 file cabinets and 2 credenzas as requested by the Finance, Transportation, Planning, Street and Police Departments.

22. OPERA IN THE PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the expenditure of \$125 from the Program Development Account of the Park and Recreation Department to cover the expenses of the opera performance in Torrance Park on Sunday, July 14, 1974.

23. CLAIM of Southern California Edison Company for property damages.

24. CLAIM of Harold L. and Doris E. Berry for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claims on Items #23 and #24 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items 21,22,23, and 24. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council considered at this time:

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding hours, wages and working conditions.

MOTION: Following confirmation by City Attorney Remelmeyer that the above is a proper subject matter for an Executive Session, Councilman Surber moved to recess for that purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (The hour was 7:05 P.M.)

The Council returned at 7:55 P.M.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

20. HEARING ON APPEAL D74-17, CHACKSFIELD MERIT HOMES CORPORATION.  
Appeal of a Planning Commission condition of approval of a Division of Lot to divide land into three parcels in the C-3 zone on property located on the north side of Torrance Boulevard, approximately 750 feet west of Madrona Avenue.  
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.

Staff clarification was provided by Planning Director Shartle, with particular note of the circumstances and status of the adjacent Omatsu property as it relates to the subject property. Mr. Shartle further advised that the proponent now has a letter from the Omatsu's indicating that they do not have permission to go in and improve the parking lot, nor do the Omatsu's care to do that themselves -- hence the requested relief from Condition No. 2: "That Parcel No. 1 shall be brought up to current City of Torrance requirements with regards to parking, landscaping, trash enclosures, street trees, etc., prior to the recordation of the parcel map."

It was the general consensus of the Council that economics would bring about the upgrading of the Omatsu property in due course. It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that there could be upgrading at this time of that property which lies in the public right-of-way and would not require Omatsu permission.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Lloyd Tanner, 1551 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena, indicated concurrence with planting a needed tree in the tree well on the subject right-of-way. Mr. Tanner then reiterated their desire to delete Condition No. 2, and requested that Condition No. 3 be revised to state: "That Parcels 2 and 3 shall be subject to Precise Plan review," (rather than all parcels).

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of D 74-17, subject to conditions, with the following modifications:

Eliminating Condition No. 2; \*

Modifying Condition No. 3 to state: "That Parcels 2 and 3 shall be subject to Precise Plan review."

\* Adding a new Condition No. 2 to state: "That the public way in the front of the Omatsu property (Parcel 1) be improved by the developer to the satisfaction of the Planning Director."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was pointed out by Planning Director Shartle that there is a Precise Plan requirement on all parcels (including the Omatsu property) by way of the Del Amo Business District Overlay Zone. It was clarified by Councilman Armstrong that the intent of the above motion is that this proponent is not responsible for providing such Precise Plan for the Omatsu property, only for his own. It was also confirmed that the above does not eliminate the Precise Plan requirement on any future development of the Omatsu property.

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

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The hour being 8:10 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned to its agenda at 8:11 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. City Manager Ferraro noted the need to review, at a time convenient to each of the Councilmen, the request of Federal Government officials to explore certain areas of concern regarding the Naval Annex property.

26. Implementation of a program for use of the plunge by high school students was urged by Councilman Armstrong. Park and Recreation Director Van Bellehem will follow through in this matter.

27. Councilman Brewster pointed out that the Board of Supervisors has requested Governor Reagan to put on the "call calendar" a bill which would place the RTD under the County as an arm of that government. Mr. Brewster reviewed the impact of such legislation, for the information of the Council.

28. Councilman Surber outlined the public meetings scheduled by the South Bay Corridor Study Steering Committee, with specific note of the October 9th meeting at Torrance City Hall, and invited

attendance by Council members and all other interested parties. It was the request of Councilman Surber that a Minute Secretary be assigned to the October 9th meeting; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

29. Lieutenant Oates, Torrance Police Officers Association, outlined problems confronted in the forthcoming Police Sergeant's examination relative to the eligibility of Policewomen.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the complex considerations in this matter, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the Council direct the Civil Service Commission that the date for the Police Sergeant examination be in conformance to arrive at an eligible list by the November Civil Service Commission meeting -- further, that the matter of Policewomen eligibility be referred to the Council Civil Service Committee for analysis and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Verkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 8:45 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to adjourn to Tuesday, October 1, 1974, at 5:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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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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