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Adjourned at 9:00 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, November 19, 1974, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Treasurer Rupert led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Charles Magnuson, Del Amo Christian Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the minutes of October 22, 1974, be approved, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 (Councilman Surber absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Transportation Committee:

November 18th meeting postponed, due to illness of Councilman Surber.

PROCLAMATIONS:

9. Beach Cities Symphony Week.
10. Southern California Teen Challenge Week.
- So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

REAL PROPERTY:

11. RESOLUTION re: purchase of certain property from the AT&SF Railway Company for Prairie-Madrona Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR PRAIRIE-MADRONA AVENUE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL ACTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CONSUMATE THE TRANSACTION.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-249. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

12. WITHDRAWN.
13. RESOLUTION re: execution of agreement with Southern Pacific Transportation Company for acquisition of property for the extension of Del Amo Blvd. and appropriation of funds therefor.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PERPETUAL EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF ENTRY ACROSS THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED THEREIN REQUIRED FOR THE EXTENSION OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-250. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:14. SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR THE 1974-1975 YEAR.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the selection of an independent auditor for the 1974-75 year be referred to the Council Finance Committee.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:15. AIRPORT MASTER PLAN - ADDITIONAL COPIES OF PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORTS (HANDOUTS).RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the City Council authorize the purchase of 5,000 additional Airport Master Plan Public Summary Reports (handouts) from DMJM, and that \$832.50 be appropriated from Airport Retained Earnings therefor.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Department of Transportation, and to approve the requested appropriation of \$832.50 from Airport Retained Earnings. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:16. CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF POSSESSION, TORRANCE ANNEX, LONG BEACH NAVY SUPPLY CENTER.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council authorize the office of the City Manager, and such other officers of the City as may be necessary, to sign the Certificate of Acknowledgment of Possession submitted by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation regarding the Torrance Navy Annex property.

It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz, in view of the significance of this document, that it also be signed by Council members and the Mayor. Mayor Miller directed City Manager Ferraro to so arrange for such signatures, if feasible.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager, if in fact the Council cannot sign the document. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:17. SOUTH BAY JUDICIAL DISTRICT - CIVIC IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

That the Council authorize the City Manager to work with the South Bay Judicial District to carry out the proposed Civic Improvement Program.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

18. MASTER PLAN OF BIKEWAYS.

The November 19th report from the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee (of record) was reviewed by Councilman Wilson, with specific note of the fact that Torrance Boulevard is recommended for the first route, and that an appropriation of \$225.00 is recommended so that Staff can send a representative to the MAUDEP bicycle path design seminar in San Diego in December.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendations of the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PLANNING MATTERS:19. REQUEST FROM BATTRAM DEVELOPERS FOR CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT OF \$200,000 FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT FEES.

REQUEST OF MR. BATTRAM: That the Council appoint a committee to evaluate the various considerations and to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement with us on the issue.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE: The City Manager and City Attorney concur in Mr. Battram's proposal to refer this matter to a Council Committee. The appropriate Council Committee would appear to be the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above request, and to refer this matter to the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

20. RESOLUTION authorizing City to conduct wildlife study on Chanslor-Western property and appropriating money for insurance premium relating thereto.RESOLUTION NO. 74-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN

LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND  
 CHANSLOR-WESTERN OIL AND DEVELOPMENT  
 COMPANY TO ALLOW THE CITY TO CONDUCT A  
 WILDLIFE STUDY ON CHANSLOR-WESTERN  
 PROPERTY AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR  
 INSURANCE PREMIUM RELATING THERETO.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-251. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

21. PROPOSED CHANGE OF STREET NAME.

Held until later in the meeting -- See Page 11.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

22. CUP 74-53, JIM STEWART ENTERPRISES.

Held until later in the meeting -- See Page 8.

Taken at this time:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27A. Mayor Miller announced that the Torrance Rose Float Association will be holding its annual dinner dance on December 7th at Los Verdes Country Club -- all present were invited to attend this important City association function. Association president, Mr. Ed Enrietta, joined in extending this invitation.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:23. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$820.84 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for necessary tire repair and recapping services as required by the City Garage.
2. \$479.60 to GMC Truck & Coach for miscellaneous GMC Bus repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
3. \$324.26 to Herman & Phinney-Kodmur for miscellaneous yeoman air compressor repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
4. \$408.84 to Nixon-Egli Company for one only replacement mobile street sweeper main broom core and shaft as requested by the City Garage.
5. \$654.34 to Big Seven Nursery of Torrance for the purchase of required trees and ground cover for City parks as requested by the Department of Park and Recreation.
6. \$123.35 to Guardian Fence Company for the purchase of additional chain link fencing materials for La Carretera tennis court as previously approved by Council on October 29, 1974. This is a request by the Park and Recreation Department.
7. \$687.68 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for the purchase of five book cases as requested by the Police Department.
8. \$662.50 to Western Water Works Supply Company for fifty only water service meter boxes as requested by the Water Department for water services.
9. \$514.10 to Alhambra Foundry, Ltd. for the purchase of six only street manhole frames and 4 manhole covers cast with the identification "Torrance Sewer".
10. \$395.00 to South Bay Business Forms for the printing of 10,000 additional copies of a City notice entitled "Notice of Improper Container" as requested by the Street and Sanitation Department.
11. \$1,247.73 to CMI, Inc. for the purchase of a portable radar unit as budgeted by the Department of Transportation.
12. \$843.76 to Noland Paper Company for the purchase of recycled paper to be used in printing the mail-out notices on the new ordinance on refuse containers.

13. On November 12, 1974, Council approved of the purchase of a tractor "roll over" protective structure in order to comply with O.S.H.A. State Safety Requirements from the Signal Welding Company. Because of new information, Purchasing is requesting Council to approve of the re-award of this requirement to another company --the D & M Sales Company in the amount of \$1,467.58 including tax. This unit will not only meet the structural safety requirement, but also will aid in equipment noise-suppression to the operator due to its design. The State has maximum noise levels which equipment operators should be subjected to and this unit will assist us in meeting those acceptable levels.

REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

14. \$3,440.76 to Hersey Products for one only 8-inch Hersey Water Meter as requested by the Water Department for installation at the David Karney Service. Payment has already been received for this service.

24. CLAIM of Daniel S. Harding for property damages.

25. CLAIM of Margaret A. McElroy for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claims on Items #24 and #25 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #23, 24, and #25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

26. RESOLUTION re: Class Action Claim.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENCY OF CLAIM TO BE EXECUTED AND GIVEN TO CLAIMANTS, CHARLES BARRIOS GONZALES, SAM WESLEY BERRY, AND HENRY LEE BATTLE AS TO THEIR CLAIM, ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS SIMILARLY SITUATED, FOR A REFUND OF FINES PAID WHEN CONVICTIONS OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ARE LATER INVALIDATED.

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Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 74-252. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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The hour of 6:00 P.M. having arrived, Councilman Uerkwitz 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 (Councilman Surber absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 6:01 P.M.

APPEALS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

22. CUP 74-53, JIM STEWART ENTERPRISES. Appeal of Planning Commission action on a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a motorcycle sales and repair facility on property located on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard approximately 150 feet south of 182nd Street. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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, invited comments from the audience.

First to speak was Mr. Bill Largent, on behalf of the residents in this area, who outlined their long standing problems, of record, regarding this facility.

Attorney William L. Willens, representing the proponent, clarified the import and effect of granting the subject Conditional Use Permit, a unique situation in that it is a relocation of a presently operating motorcycle agency approximately 400 feet to the north. Granting of this permit, per Mr. Willens, would eliminate the problems which have plagued all concerned parties for a number of years, specifically noting that there will be no access to Burin Avenue, the use of the dynamometer for testing purposes, etc.

Council discussion was directed to the concerns which have been voiced -- noise, traffic, controls, etc. The proponent, Mrs. Jim Stewart, described the dynamometer, its purpose, and manner of operation; she further elaborated on their sincere efforts to upgrade the subject operation.

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to approve CUP 74-53, subject to Planning Department conditions, with the following modifications:

Condition #3 revised to state: "That an elevation plan of the 8-foot high masonry wall to be constructed on the westerly length of the parcel, including materials of construction, shall be submitted to the Planning Department for approval, said wall to remain unopened. "

Condition #4 revised to state: "That all construction, as indicated on the approved plan, including the westerly wall, shall be completed prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit and business license."

Condition #5 revised to state: "That all the landscaped areas shall be upgraded, dead or broken plants shall be replaced, and all landscaping shall be permanently maintained."

Adding the following conditions:

Condition #13: "That the terms of the noise ordinance be strictly observed."

Condition #14: "That the access to the property to the north be denied, the manner of denial subject to the approval of the Planning Director."

Condition #15: "That if the conditions of this permit are violated, it shall be subject to revocation hearing."

Condition #16: "That, under no circumstances, shall there be access from the parcel to Burin Avenue."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

The Council returned to:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. City Manager Ferraro announced that Councilman Brewster's term of office as Mayor Pro Tem is now in effect, a period of time encompassing November, 1974 to May, 1975.

29. Next noted by Mr. Ferraro was the reelection of Mayor Miller to serve as Chairman of the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee for a two-year period.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

27. WALTERIA PRESSURE ZONE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted the fact that the hearing in the subject matter had been continued to this date, November 19, 1974. Mayor Miller pointed out the absence of this item from the formal agenda for November 19th, and recommended that it be held until properly noted on a future formal agenda.

Mayor Miller then announced that this is the continued public hearing on the Walteria Pressure Zone Assessment District. City Attorney Remelmeyer reviewed past Council action in this matter, concurred with the Mayor's findings relative to this being a formal agenda item, and noted as well the as yet unresolved negotiations with Mr. Ken Battram, Sunnyglen Construction Company. It was the request of the City Attorney that the Council continue this matter for one week for these reasons.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to continue the matter of the Walteria Pressure Zone Assessment District to the November 26, 1974 meeting of the Council at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Mr. Dick Leonard, Sunnyglen Construction Company, was present to note the need for a meeting on certain details with the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee -- it was agreed to hold such a meeting on Thursday, November 21st, at 5:00 P.M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.)

30. Appropriate recognition for legislative interns whose terms are nearing completion was requested by Councilmen Armstrong and Uerkwitz.

31. Councilman Uerkwitz took formal action regarding the appointment of Councilman Brewster as Mayor Pro Tem for the six-month period from November, 1974 to May, 1975 by offering a MOTION to so nominate Mr. Brewster. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

32. Councilman Uerkwitz reported, on behalf of absent Councilman Surber, that there have been resident complaints regarding the rough treatment of the new trash containers. This will be checked out by Street Superintendent Kirkruff.

33. Councilman Wilson introduced his newly assigned legislative intern, Tina White.

34. Councilwoman Geissert offered a prepared oral communication record) pertaining to Off-Shore Oil Drilling leases, the various developments surrounding same, particularly the need for Staff study of the Environmental Impact Statement in this matter. It was the recommendation of Mrs. Geissert that Council direct Staff to continue their participation and express a willingness to assume some reasonable financial responsibility for the study. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Deputy Attorney Freeman reported on a recent meeting in Mr. Burt Pines' office with regard to the legal options available to the various Southern California cities re: postponing of the hearings on the subject EIS. Further, per Mr. Freeman, it was the recommendation of those present at the meeting that the City Councils involved write letters to Secretary Morton requesting a delay in the EIS hearings; that there be potential participation in the lawsuit being prepared by the City of Los Angeles which would seek to obtain an injunction to delay the hearings until such time as proper input could be prepared by the cities; and, finally, if necessary, coordinate the presentations of the various cities at the scheduled hearings. It was further noted that the financial share in these proposals would not exceed \$100. Councilman Armstrong MOVED to participate along the lines above outlined by Deputy Attorney Freeman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The Council now returned to:

HEARINGS - PLANNING AND ZONING:

21. PROPOSED CHANGE OF STREET NAME - Rolling Hills Road between Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

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 presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited those present on this matter to speak at this time. (Mayor Miller then announced that he would abstain in this matter in that he owns rental property in this area.)

Mr. Lloyd Baird, 2705 Clarellen, referred to the petition of record, and outlined the problems which will be presented with the proposed change of name for this long existent Rolling Hills Road.

Council discussion was directed to the concerns of the residents, the resultant confusion with such a name change, subdivision map requirements, a change of name to Rolling Hills "Lane" or "Way", etc.

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to change the name of Rolling Hills Road (between Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway) to Rolling Hills WAY. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,  
Uerkwitz, and Wilson.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

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35. PRESENTATION OF "LASERVA PADRONA".

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Miller turned the chair over to the Fine Arts Commission for their presentation of the opera vignette "LaServa Padrona", starring Kay and Kermit Derry, and Lionel Petrilli. The presentation was deemed thoroughly enjoyable by Mayor Miller who conveyed the appreciation of all present for this special treat, a part of the Inter-Arts Festival.

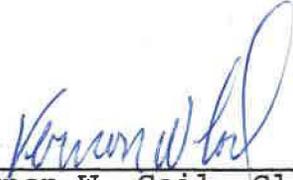
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36. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:15 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session -- the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent). The subject matter -- wages and working conditions -- was deemed appropriate by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

The Council returned for formal adjournment at 9:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance