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Adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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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, January 7, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Armstrong, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 8:15 P.M. Absent: Councilman Surber.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Brewster led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Councilman Wilson.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 1974, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Surber absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Wilson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Surber absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Armstrong 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

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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 Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Surber absent).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS. No reports.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. PUBLIC HEARING on Report of cost of construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway at three locations.

Held for 6:00 P.M., the hour advertised for the public hearing. See Page 7.

10. WITHDRAWN.

11. LOMITA BOULEVARD EXTENSION - Anza Avenue to Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Council discussion was directed to the unique problem surrounding the subject property and its affect on adjacent residences -- considered were Staff recommendations re: fencing, interim planting uses, neighborhood needs, etc.

Mr. John Facillo, 4915 Milne Drive, was present to describe the problems of the property, particularly where maintenance and vandalism are concerned.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Miller that the City Manager, Staff, and a committee of homeowners get together to study the various options in an attempt to resolve this situation.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer Item #11 to City Manager Ferraro to arrange a meeting with homeowner representatives. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Surber absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

12. RESOLUTION changing the name of Rolling Hills Road between Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway to "Rolling Hills Way".

RESOLUTION NO. 75-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE
NAME OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD BETWEEN
CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND PACIFIC
COAST HIGHWAY TO "ROLLING HILLS WAY".

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-1. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Uerkwitz,
Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller (for reasons
previously stated)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (had not yet arrived
at the meeting); Surber.

13. RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of a grant deed to Mobil Oil Corporation for the unused portion of Prairie Avenue Right-of-Way.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST
A GRANT DEED TO MOBIL OIL CORPORATION
FOR THE EXCESS PRAIRIE AVENUE RIGHT-
OF-WAY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-2. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Surber absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

14. RESOLUTION authorizing withdrawal of application for 1974 State Park Bond Funds originally planned to be used for land acquisition in connection with the Madrona Marsh Wildlife Park and authorizing the reapplication for the funds to be used for the planning and first phase development of the Charles H. Wilson Community Park.

Director of Park and Recreation Van Bellehem detailed the basis for the recommended revised application procedure -- there was added input by City Manager Ferraro relative to the dire financial facts of the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE WITH-
DRAWAL OF AN APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE FOR 1974 STATE PARK BOND FUNDS
ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO BE USED FOR LAND
ACQUISITION IN CONNECTION WITH THE
MADRONA WILDLIFE PARK AND AUTHORIZING
THE REAPPLICATION FOR THE FUNDS TO BE
USED FOR THE PLANNING AND FIRST PHASE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHARLES H. WILSON
COMMUNITY PARK.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-3. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That Item #14 be held and considered with Item #20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Wilson.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz; Mayor Miller.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (had not yet arrived at the meeting); Surber.

Considered at this time:

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

20. 1974 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT.

Staff presentations were made by Assistant City Manager Scharfman and HDCA Team Members.

In the absence of Councilman Brewster, City Manager Ferraro conveyed his message that "he is violently opposed to the Special Trash Pickup item -- the money would be put to a better use for a Human Services Center." It was the general consensus of the Council that this item should be deleted.

Item-by-item review followed, and the Programs and Projects were delineated as follows:

1. Rehabilitation of Owner-Occupied Homes

A. Rehabilitation of Owner-Occupied Homes

2. Municipal Services

A. Handicapped Bus Equipment

B. Youth and Community Services Center

(Structure only - 1st year, \$60,000)

C. Paramedics.

(Delete: Fire Safety Education Program -
 Special Refuse Collection)

3. Removal of Architectural Barriers

A. Curb Cut Modifications at Key Intersections

B. Handicap Parking Stalls - Public Parking Lots

C. Door Modifications to Ease Handicapped Accesses to
 Public Buildings

D. Wheelchair Ramps - Public Buildings

4. Public Works

A. Charles Wilson Park Development

B. Matching Funds

C. Convert North Fire Station to Community Center

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- D. Construction of Curbs and Sidewalks
- E. Install Bikeways
- F. Relocate Pedestrian Overcrossing
- G. Sports Field Night Lighting

5. Aid to Non-Profit Service Units

- A. Switzer Center
- B. YMCA Child Care Services
- C. Human Needs Center
- D. Discretionary Funds
 - (Delete: T.U.S.D. Child Care Center)
 - (Staff to return with financial disbursement).

Discussion was directed to the possible incorporation of funding for Madrona Marsh in some manner in the foregoing allocations -- such funding urged by Councilwoman Geissert and Councilman Wilson -- hopefully, there could be a matching funds arrangement for the Marsh, perhaps at a later stage of the program. Councilman Armstrong recommended further review with "key people" in an attempt to work out the financing thereof -- Mr. Armstrong, however, must support the Director of Park and Recreation's recommendation for the reapplication of funds for the Charles H. Wilson Park. City Manager Ferraro urged that Marsh supporters join City Staff in contacting governmental agencies for a fresh approach to this project. Mayor Miller reviewed the past history of the Marsh, and the unexpected acquisition of Wilson Park; he acknowledged the merits of both sites, but reaffirmed his necessary support of the Wilson Park.

(Councilman Brewster arrived at this point in the meeting -- the hour being 8:15 P.M.)

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The Council now returned to:

PARK AND RECREATION:

14. RESOLUTION authorizing withdrawal of application for 1974 State Park Bond Funds originally planned to be used for land acquisition in connection with the Madrona Marsh Wildlife Park and authorizing the reapplication for the funds to be used for the planning and first phase development of the Charles H. Wilson Community Park.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-3 (Page 3), and his motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Mrs. Grace Lear, 2662 - 232nd Street, representing "Friends of Madrona Marsh", expressed regret at the action now proposed by the Council, and urged that the money not be taken away until the above recommended meetings have taken place and some solution can be attained.

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Next to speak was Mrs. Virginia Hilker, 421 Calle de Castellana, who urged that "those of you who place Wilson Park as your first priority should make the same commitment to find funding for Madrona Marsh".

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 75-3 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Uerkwitz, Wilson;
Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Geissert (too many
unanswered questions)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson, at the time of his affirmative vote, that, hopefully, it will not be too late in the third year for use of Community Development funds for the Madrona Marsh.

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The hour being 8:25 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent). A 10-minute recess followed at 8:26 P.M.

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On resumption of the meeting, the Council returned to:

20. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT.

The need for Council action relative to the financing of the program was pointed out by Assistant City Manager Scharfman, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that Staff be directed to have as many options at its disposal as possible -- not to diminish that arsenal at all, but to keep combinations of 1, 2, and 3 available, at Staff's discretion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that Staff investigate the matters of annual income (income from all sources); total assets of applicant should refer to the beneficial interest, whether owned or not; and if the applicant is unemployed, the individual should show cause, along with an indication of active solicitation of employment.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

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

Held for later in the meeting -- See Page 12.

16. LETTER FROM JOHN MARSDEN regarding Nepotism.

Mr. Marsden was present to elaborate upon his communication of December 13th, of record.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Miller that this matter be referred to the Civil Service Committee -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered. The date set for this meeting was Thursday, January 16th, at 5:00 P.M.

The Council returned to:

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. PUBLIC HEARING on Report of cost of construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and driveway at three locations. (Chapter 27, Short Form 73-7, 74-1 and 74-2) with RESOLUTION confirming the assessment.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing of costs on Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act), City Project 73-7, 74-1, 74-2 at Three Locations.

City Engineer Weaver advised that the notice was mailed and posted -- further, that no written protests had been received.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ASSESSING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN SAID CITY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 27, DIVISION 7, OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE (SHORT FORM IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911 (73-7, 74-1, AND 74-2).

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-4. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

17. SIGN PERMITS - California Environmental Quality Act. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD.

That Council approve the addition of Sign Permits to the list of Categorically Exempt Projects.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Environmental Review Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

OIL MATTERS:

18. OIL BOARD REQUEST FOR EXPANSION OF DUTIES.

RECOMMENDATION OF OIL BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the Council refer this matter to the Committee on Commissions for general review and evaluation of this request for Oil Board authorization to review Planning cases involving oil well equipment, including authorization to make recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding these matters.

BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT COMMENT:

This expansion would require a budget increase because of additional staffing and clerical expense relative thereto. We recommend that the Committee evaluate this request with an eye toward budget considerations.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to refer Item #18 to an Ad Hoc Committee on Commissions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Ad Hoc Committee members were appointed by Mayor Miller, as follows: Councilman Uerkwitz, Chairman; Councilwoman Geissert; Councilman Armstrong. (Meeting scheduled for January 15th at 5 P.M.)

19. OIL MONITORING SOUTHEAST TORRANCE OIL WELLS - TENTATIVE TRACT 27614.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY/SUPERVISOR, ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION, BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT:

That Council take action rescinding the stipulation that the developer not abandon the wells, and allow the developer to proceed with his development, subject to the condition that a fluid level reading be taken prior to abandonment of the "Darnell 1" well.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

20. Community Development Act.

Heard earlier in the meeting - See Page 4.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

21. D 74-26, REALTY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF U.S. STEEL.
Appeal of Planning Commission decision which requires that the entire property under the ownership of U.S. Steel be shown on the parcel map for a division of lot to create two parcels on property located south of Del Amo Boulevard between Van Ness Avenue and Western 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 hearing, and, following Staff presentations by Planning Director Shartle, City Engineer Weaver and Sr. Associate Transportation Engineer Glass, the proponent was invited to speak.

Mr. Robert DeJernett, South Bay Engineering, reviewed the difficulties presented by the subject condition imposed by the Planning Commission, and voiced his objections to the requirement now presented by the Engineering Department for right-of-way dedications and street improvements along Van Ness Avenue.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding City policy, legal requirements, etc. -- it was the recommendation of Mayor Miller that this matter be held for one week, in fairness to the proponent, in order that there may be needed clarification.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to continue Item #21, D 74-26, to Tuesday, January 14th, at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$922.20 to Learning Corporation of America for four films as requested by the City Librarian.
2. \$494.44 to R.R. Bowker Company for 11 library book sets.
3. \$625.37 to Needham Book Finders for 128 books.
4. \$1,368.55 to International Harvester Company for a replacement steering axle as requested by the City Garage for Unit #9221.

5. \$1,285.25 to Santa Fe Bag Company for 5,000 sand bags as requested by the Street Department for emergency use.
6. \$475.78 to Crown Body and Fender Company for necessary vehicle repairs to Unit #7052 involved in an accident, as requested by the City Garage.
7. \$458.42 to Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation for the purchase of necessary offset printing equipment operating supplies, as requested by Central Services.
8. \$682.64 to Gardena Flag Company for the purchase of replacement California and United States flags as requested by the Custodial Department.
9. \$399.00 to the Los Angeles Times for seven renewal subscriptions for City branch libraries.
10. \$446.90 to Garwood Truck Equipment Company for necessary replacement parts to repair a Garwood packer body.
11. \$312.04 to California Copy Products for the purchase of negative and metal plate materials and supplies to make printing plates in our reproduction center.
12. \$319.06 to Lewellen Press for the reprinting of 20 M intra-city snap-out forms, as requested by Central Services for stock.
13. \$1,629.63 to Johnson Stationers of Torrance for 3 desks, 3 chairs, and 1 credenza, as requested by the Police, Water, and Purchasing Departments.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

14. \$431.95 to Pacific States C.I. for three reducers and four adapters as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Fujita Corporation. Payment has already been received.
15. \$2,908.64 to Hersey Products, Inc. for four each 6-inch water meters as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Fujita Corporation. Payment has already been received.

23. AWARD OF CONTRACT - 8 POLICE MOTORCYCLES.
Ref. Bid #B74-61 - Expenditure: \$22,720.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the awarding of the replacement 8 Police motorcycles to the low bidder, the Rich Budelier Company, in the total amount of \$24,320.00, including tax, less \$1600.00 invoice payment discount, for a TOTAL EXPENDITURE of \$22,720.00, including tax.

24. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK - Furnishing and Installing Steel Shelving for Police Department - Ref. Bid #B74-11

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the installation of the shelving for the Police Department as properly completed, and that payment be made for completion of said work to the J.J. Equipment Company.

25. CLAIM of Robert A. Mitchell for property damages.
26. CLAIM of Michael Langan for property damages.
27. CLAIM of Dale and Janice Schirman for property damages.
- ** 28. CLAIM of Ella Mae Miller for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the Claims on agenda items #25,26,27, and #28 be DENIED, and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

- ** It was clarified by Police Chief Nash, at Councilman Wilson's question, that a review of the investigation and findings in this case indicate that the vehicle was properly impounded as evidence in a hit-and-run case.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #22,23,24,25,26,27, and #28. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. Councilman Armstrong requested Staff follow-through on the formation of a "Madrona Marsh organization" for consideration of acquisition, the pursuit of legislation, the seeking of funds, etc. -- there should be development of some sort of strategy of recommendations for acquisition.

30. Councilman Uerkwitz reminded the Council of the "changing of the guard" activities of the Mounted Posse on January 11th at 7:30 P.M.

31. Councilman Wilson reported on Coastal Commission hearings regarding the Elements previously reviewed -- Council input was invited by Dr. Wilson.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the consideration of hours, wages, and working conditions, along with discussion re: possible litigation, were proper subject matters for an Executive Session.

Accordingly, Councilman Uerkwitz, at 10:20 P.M., MOVED to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

The meeting was formally adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance