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Adjourned at 8:20 P.M. - in memory of Elmer "Red" Moon.

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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 21, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilmen Armstrong, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 5:45 P.M.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Captain Mark Smith led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Bruce Lundberg, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 1974, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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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 (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Civil Service Committee:

Met on January 16th to begin consideration of nepotism ordinance.

Ad Hoc Committee - Budget Review:

Will meet on January 22nd at 4:30 P.M.

Finance Committee:

Will meet on Monday, February 3rd, at 4:30 P.M. re: handbill fees.

COMMENDATIONS:

- 9. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Torrance Sertoma Club.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO TORRANCE SERTOMA CLUB FOR ITS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF THE EL RETIRO LIBRARY AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-8. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

- 10. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Riviera Homeowners Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR ITS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF THE EL RETIRO LIBRARY AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-9. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

This proclamation was gratefully accepted by Captain Mark Smith who urged renewal of efforts to achieve the safe return of Prisoners of War and Missing Men in Southeast Asia.

City Manager Ferraro announced that the POW/MIA flag (through the courtesy of Mrs. Rachel Meyer) will fly at Torrance City Hall on Monday, January 27th, in celebration of the Vietnam Cease-Fire Agreement signed in Paris in 1973.

(Councilman Brewster arrived at the meeting, the hour being 5:45 P.M.)

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. 190TH STREET AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD INTERSECTION MODIFICATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council approve an exemption declaration for the subject project pursuant to Division 13 of the California Public Resources Code.

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

REAL PROPERTY:

13. RESOLUTION re: Amendment of H.T. Halibrand Lease to provide for the assignment of one hangar to James H. Gerlach.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND HALIBRAND ENGINEERING AND THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND JAMES H. GERLACH.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the following recommendations of the Land Management Team:

1. Reimbursement of the City in the amount of \$128.99 for preparation of the necessary documents.
2. Two hour fire wall separation from adjoining hangars, if determined necessary after inspection by the Building Department.

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The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF ONE HANGAR FROM JAMES A. WHITE TO KENNETH K. KNOWLES AND GERALDINE W. KNOWLES.

Discussion was directed to the matter of the mail order business (aircraft parts) being conducted at the hangar site, an activity not permitted under the lease. Mr. Kenneth Knowles was present and confirmed that he has been operating such a mail order business (for which he has a City license). At City Attorney Remelmeyer's question, Mr. Knowles advised that he would not desire the assignment without the mail order operation since the expense of the hangar is too great just for the storing of a plane. It was the recommendation of Mr. Remelmeyer that this matter be held until a determination may be made regarding such use.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer Item #14 to the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. RESOLUTION re: Three Partial Assignments from White Hangar Lease.

RESOLUTION NO 75-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENDORSEMENT OF CITY APPROVAL ON THREE PARTIAL ASSIGNMENTS OF HANGAR LEASE BY JAMES A. WHITE AND MAXINE M. WHITE TO LOUIS KHEM, KENNETH M. SCHOLZ, AND RORY G. PENDLEY, OF HANGAR SITES NUMBERS 1, 11, AND 12, RESPECTIVELY.

(The need for technical amendments was noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer.)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-11, subject to technical amendments by the City Attorney, and further subject to reimbursement to the City by Mr. and Mrs. White for expenses in the amount of \$131.86. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. RESOLUTION re: Amendment allowing partial assignments of White Hangar Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED APRIL 1, 1973 BETWEEN THE CITY AND JAMES A. WHITE AND MAXINE M. WHITE, TO ALLOW FOR PARTIAL ASSIGNMENTS THEREOF.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-12, subject to reimbursement of the City by Mr. and Mrs. White

for expenses in the amount of \$353.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

- 17. MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW.

Held for later in the meeting - See Page 8.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 18. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding hours, wages and working conditions.

Held for later in the meeting -- See Page 9.

- 19. APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM G. QUALE as Deputy City Attorney.

In view of correspondence protesting the subject appointment, it was agreed that this matter be considered in a Personnel Session later in the meeting. See Page 9.

- 20. RESOLUTION re: Community Improvement Corps

RESOLUTION NO. 75-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH SALARIES AND WAGE BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT TITLE VI.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-13. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the comment of Councilman Surber that he is against the program, but will vote "yes" on the hourly rate.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 21. RESOLUTION approving a Parcel Map for a Division of Lot on property owned by U.S. Steel Corporation.

Held for one week, at proponent's request.

- 22. RESOLUTION re: V 66-17, Southern California Association of Seventh Day Adventists (South Bay Junior Academy)

RESOLUTION NO. 75-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A MODIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED VARIANCE OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE

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EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING SCHOOL
LOCATED AT 4400 DEL AMO BOULEVARD.
V 66-17 (EA 74-128) - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS (South Bay Junior Academy)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-14. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Surber (not present at hearing).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

23. HEARING ON APPEAL D 74-30, ELIZABETH L. MacCURDY.
Appeal of Planning Commission action on a lot split to divide one residential parcel into two lots in the R-1 zone on property located at 2711 Highcliff Drive.
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, inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Seymour Cohen, attorney for the applicant, reiterated the unique considerations in this matter, as presented to the Planning Commission, noting the 1965-approved lot split, the lack of notification re: the inception of the Subdivision Map Act, etc. Mr. Cohen then presented a petition bearing the names of 32 homeowners in the area who do not oppose the proposed lot split.

There being no one else 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.

Council discussion was directed to what they deemed the major concern -- traffic on Crest Road and the safety hazards thereof.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department for DENIAL of D 74-30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

24. W 74-54, W 74-55 & W 74-56, ROLLING HILLS VISTA.
(Sunnyglen Construction Company) Appeal of Planning Commission action on request to waive front and side yard setback requirements in the R-1 zone on property located on Candlewood Road and Wiffletree Lane.
PLANNING COMMISSION DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

The request of the proponent to hold this matter for one week was noted.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the request of the proponent to continue Item #24 to January 28th, 1975, at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

25. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Bus Lease - Tire Agreement with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.
Annual Expenditure: \$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That the City enter into a three-year contract with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company with the understanding that the continuation of the contract for the second and third year is based on availability of funds as appropriated in subsequent budgets.

26. PURCHASE OF ONE 10" PUMPING UNIT
AMIE AVENUE AND SPENCER STREET SUMP

RECOMMENDATION OF STREET MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT/
PURCHASING SUPERVISOR: That Council approve the purchase of one 10" Pumping Unit in the amount of \$9,500.00 from Stang Hydronics, Inc. Further, that there be an appropriation of \$9,500 from the Drainage Improvement Fund (Account #73) for the purchase of this pumping unit.

27. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:

1. \$337.61 to G.K. Hall & Company for 30 library books.
2. \$993.86 to Needham Book Finders for 193 library books.
3. \$471.02 to Western Water Works Supply Company for six each 10-inch water pipe service repair clamps as requested by the Water Department.
4. Omitted.
5. \$436.55 to Oranco Supply Company for miscellaneous sprinkler repair parts as requested by the Park and Recreation Department.
6. \$1,252.92 to Johnson Stationers for twelve each lounge chairs as requested by the Fire Department for new Station #3.
7. \$343.80 to Oranco Supply Company for miscellaneous current production sprinkler repair parts as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for the Torrance Boulevard parkway.

8. \$1,288.27 to Green Thumb Gardens for the purchase of miscellaneous trees as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for planting at various locations, including parks and parkways.
9. \$329.07 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for the purchase of four special sized tires and tubes for park equipment as requested by the City Garage.
10. \$1,912.77 to Todd Pipe and Supply for eight replacement heaters as requested by the Building Maintenance Department to heat the City Garage area.
11. \$750.06 to Inglewood Stationers for miscellaneous stationery items as requested by the Central Services Division for City department use.
12. \$725.24 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for necessary tire repair and recapping service as required.
13. \$1,213.37 to Los Angeles County Assessor for 1974 Assessment Roll, plus maps, as requested by the City.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

14. \$1,388.60 to Best Concrete Products for three meter vaults as requested by the Water Department. Payment has already been received.
28. CLAIM of Gale L. O'Brien for property damages.
29. CLAIM of Dorothy Rowden for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That Items #28 and #29 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #25, 26, 27, 28, and #29. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to:

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW.

Graphic presentations regarding the financial state of the City (as defined in January 21st report, of record) were made by Assistant City Manager Scharfman, Finance Director Dundore, and Budget Officer Ng.

Specific consideration was directed to the utility users' tax, with note of the meeting of the Council Ad Hoc Committee/ Chamber representatives regarding this matter on January 22nd at 4:30 P.M. It was the consensus of the Council that action on this item be deferred until input from that meeting is available.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue the subject item for one week, to the meeting of January 28th, 1975. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The hour being 7:05 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 at 7:06 P.M.

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Re: Item #19 - Appointment of William G. Quale.

Mr. William Felburg, 2511 - 233rd Street, stated that he was spokesman for a group of concerned citizens re: the appointment of Mr. Quale. It was the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer that Mr. Felburg's comments be made in the forthcoming Executive Session on this matter. It was so ordered by Mayor Miller.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. Councilman Surber requested Staff clarification regarding the recent purchase of eight motorcycles (Harley Davidson's). Present on this matter was Kawasaki dealer, Mr. R.D. Rockwood, 1118 West 186th Street, Gardena, who questioned the bid procedure requirements in this instance. Staff will report back in one week.

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ITEM #18 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:15 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive and Personnel Session (discussion: first of a series of informational meetings regarding wages, hours, and working conditions -- and the Deputy City Attorney appointment). City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that these are proper subject matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 7:55 P.M., and took the following action:

Re: Item #19 - Appointment of William G. Quale.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer the subject matter to the City Attorney, with a report to be returned to the Council in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Manager Ferraro requested consideration of vacancies on the Inter-Cities Highway Committee on January 28th, along with Commission appointments scheduled for that date. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

32. The appointment of Councilwoman Geissert as a member of the League of California Cities Environmental Quality and Land Use Management Committee was announced by City Manager Ferraro.

33. The HUD 701 Comprehensive Planning Grant, and the need to communicate the City's intentions in this regard, was outlined by City Manager Ferraro; the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to grant legislative permission to City Manager Ferraro to announce, via appropriate communication, the City's intentions re: the HUD 701 Comprehensive Planning Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

34. Councilwoman Geissert reported the tragic story of Sherry Breedlove, a 24-year old Torrance woman, who recently died of cancer, and noted the tremendous efforts put forth by Torrance groups and citizens in easing the burden for Mrs. Breedlove and her two children during those trying days.

It was the request of Mrs. Geissert ^{there be} that/a special invitation to the "Friends of Sherry Breedlove" to attend a Council meeting in the near future in order that the Council might extend its personal thanks and give appropriate recognition for their extraordinary kindness and concern. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

35. Councilman Surber advised that his illness will necessitate his absence from Council meetings for some five to six weeks, commencing early in February, and requested permission from the Council to take a medical leave covering this period.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to grant Councilman Surber's request for a medical leave of absence. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

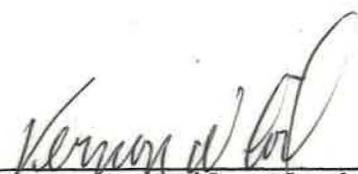
36. Councilman Wilson requested Staff investigation of the merits of a "Soccer Hall of Fame" in Torrance, in cooperation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and its Mr. James Kemp. Mr. Kemp was present to elaborate on the intense interest in this sport in the City of Torrance.

37. Mayor Miller reported on his recent acceptance of an award for the Explorer Scouts -- the City of Torrance was designated as the "City of the Year" for their activities in the Explorer Scout program.
38. It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Elmer "Red" Moon.
39. Councilman Wilson advised that he will be departing for Washington, D.C. on January 22nd, and that he will be taking with him a proposal from the "Friends of the Madrona Marsh" for an educational funding program.

At 8:20 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Tuesday, January 28, 1975, at 6:30 P.M. -- this adjournment in memory of Elmer "Red" Moon.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance