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Adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

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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, March 25, 1975, at 7:00 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:

Lieutenant James Weyant, Torrance Police Department, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend LeRoy Brandes, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of the minutes of March 4, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Note: The March 4th minutes should have indicated that Assistant City Manager Scharfman was among those present.)

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Wilson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, 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 Councilmember 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.

South Bay Corridor Study:

Councilman Uerkwitz advised that Mr. Ed Mehler has been appointed as interim Coordinator.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Presentation of the Torrance Beautification Scene Awards - Spring 1975.

Mr. Pat Lewandowski, Chairman, Torrance Environmental Quality Commission, made the following Beautification Scene Awards:

Residential Land Use:

Edmund and Jill Von Delden
1203 Hickory Street

Commercial Land Use:

Ms. Mary Lipanovich
Torrance Flower Shop
1400 Cravens

Industrial Land Use:

Ms. Rose Kabota
Seiko Instruments, Inc.
2990 West Lomita Boulevard

Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, conveyed their congratulations to these Spring 1975 Award winners.

COMMENDATION:

10. COMMENDATION TO POLICE OFFICERS JAMES R. FERGUSON AND JERRY L. WALLACE UPON THEIR RECEIPT OF THE SOUTH BAY AREA MEDAL OF VALOR RECOGNITION.

Officers Jerry Wallace and James Ferguson were present to receive Council commendation of their bravery and heroic action which resulted in their receipt of The Medal of Valor.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that an appropriate permaplaqued resolution be prepared for presentation to Officers Ferguson and Wallace. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 22999.

Subdivider: GLS Building Corporation

Bonding Company: United Pacific Insurance Company

<u>TYPE BOND</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	U-76-28-10	\$36,000
Payment	U-76-28-10	\$18,000
Inspection	U-76-28-11	\$ 1,900

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bonds be released.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller (will be doing business with this company).

REAL PROPERTY:

12. RESOLUTION authorizing sale of former Water Department premises.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT DEED CONVEYING TO THE TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED AT 1510 CRAVENS AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ALSO DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FURNISH AND DELIVER TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE A POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-49. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION:

13. ORDINANCE - Speed Limit on Palos Verdes Boulevard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2547

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 61.10.1 OF ARTICLE 10 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO A SPEED LIMIT ON PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD, AND ORDAINING A NEW ARTICLE 10 ESTABLISHING PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS FOR STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2547 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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FISCAL MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Program with I X L Printing Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT A CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND I X L PRINTING SERVICE TO INITIATE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-50; the motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

15. SCHEMATIC PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MIRAMAR PARK (TORRANCE BEACH).
- 15B. COMMUNICATION FROM JOHN H. LARSON, COUNTY COUNSEL, RE: BERK CASE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the Schematic Plan for the proposed development of Miramar Park this date, so it may be forwarded to Los Angeles County, Department of Urban Affairs, prior to April 1, 1975.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Park and Recreation Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and approval was unanimous.

Council discussion was then directed to Item 15B -- the March 25, 1975 communication from County Counsel John H. Larson (of record) wherein it is requested that the proposed Berk settlement be expedited in order that there may be early consideration by the Board of Supervisors in their pursuit of a grant of matching Federal funds to assist with the purchase of the property from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation of the State of California.

Clarification regarding desired Council action was provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer and Mr. Charles Tackett of the County Counsel's office. Mr. Tackett pointed out the legal requirement for the County to take title to the property in order to procure the subject grant, it being his understanding that it is the intention of the County to work out an equitable arrangement with the City of Torrance - "you must trust us", per Mr. Tackett. Mr. Remelmeyer deemed such "trust" appropriate and noted the time constraints.

The role of the Riviera Homeowners Association in instituting the citizen action regarding this property was commended by Councilwoman Geissert. Of concern to Mrs. Geissert is the "down the road" control over the development -- City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that a letter go forward to the Board of Supervisors expressing the concerns regarding the eventual ownership by the City.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to the resolution prepared for this matter:

RESOLUTION NO. 75-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING
AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY
CLERK TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED
TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OF
ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN AND TO THE
OSCAR BERK PROPERTY.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-51. The motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Tom Rostick, president, Riviera Homeowners Association, confirmed the interest of this Association in the subject area, and commended the Council for its interest in the preservation thereof.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:16. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$832.65 to Graybar Electric for 1800 feet of various size conduit requested by the Department of Transportation for stock.
2. \$1632.40 to Norwalk Fertilizer for an annual requirement to supply "steer fertilizer" as requested by the Park Services Division for City parks.
3. \$316.89 to Clearmark Printing Company to print posters advertising the Armed Forces Day Parade.
4. \$422.94 to California Nut and Bolt Company to furnish 600 5/8" x 2-1/2" stainless steel bolts with nuts as requested by the Water Department for service.

17. AWARD OF CONTRACT Re: 100 ft. Aerial Ladder Truck.
Expenditure: \$132,500.00RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/

FIRE CHIEF: That Council accept the bid submitted by American LaFrance and approve of an award to them for one 100 ft. Aerial Ladder Truck in the total amount of \$132,500.00 including tax.

18. 1975 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM. (Job No. 75169)RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to ELCO CORPORATION and the other bid be rejected. (Amount of Elco Corporation bid: \$14,990).

19. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - Sprinkler Repairman.RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/PERSONNEL MANAGER:

That the class specification for Sprinkler Repairman be retitled to "Sprinkler Repairer" and that the education requirement read: "None required".

20. CLAIM of Lois N. Tyler 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.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendations on agenda items #16, 17, 18, 19, and #20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:45 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 7:46 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

21. City Manager Ferraro noted that April 29th is a 5th Tuesday, and recommended a dark night for Council on that date, in view of the budget preparation demands. Councilman Surber so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

22. Councilman Surber requested Staff investigation of the possible use at the present time of Columbia Park for soccer, Little League, etc. until the park is actually developed.

23. Staff review of the feasibility of using the Nike Site for City Yard purposes was requested by Councilman Surber.

24. Councilman Uerkwitz stated that, with Council concurrence, he would pursue the matter of Torrance bus service for other South Bay cities with the South Bay Councilmen's Association; there were no objections.

25. Mayor Miller requested a Staff report regarding the Federal Flood Insurance Program.

26. City Manager Ferraro reported on the accident this date involving an oil rig at 236th and Walnut which collapsed and caused the death of a Granier Corporation employee -- the circumstances of this unfortunate event are under investigation by the State Division of Industrial Safety.

Mr. Henry Nowicki, chairman of the Oil Board, reported on the concerns of Southeast Torrance residents as a result of this experience. Mr. Nowicki urged that City ordinances be revised whereby the safety of such rigs can be certified to make sure that they at least comply with minimum requirements. The jurisdiction of the State Division of Industrial Safety was defined by Building and Safety Director McKinnon; City investigation is likewise underway, per Mr. McKinnon, and a report will be forthcoming.

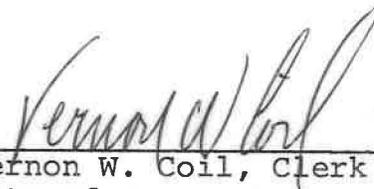
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the
City of Torrance

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance