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Adjourned at 6:25 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, April 15, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Geissert; Councilman Armstrong, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 6:10 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Mary Denney led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Lloyd Newlin, First Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of the minutes of March 25, 1975, 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).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Armstrong moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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 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 (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Legislative Liaison Committee:

Met this date re: S.B. 275 -- report forthcoming.

Finance Committee:

Quarterly budget review to be held on Monday, April 21st, at 4:30 P.M.

PROCLAMATIONS:

9. SECRETARIES WEEK - April 20-26, 1975.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with grateful acceptance by Ms. Lois Carlson, president, Torrance Del Amo Chapter.

10. NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - April 13-22, 1975.

Following proclamation by Mayor Miller, there was a presentation to Mrs. Mary Denney, a member of the Friends of the Library, of both the formal proclamation and a plaque to her for her invaluable contribution to the community, particularly in matters pertaining to Torrance libraries -- this commemoration happily falling on her 38th wedding anniversary.

City Librarian West advised that the Library Commission has recommended that the City Council declare that the week of April 20-27 be a "fine-free week". There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Further noted by Mr. West was the fact that the seventh annual Friends of the Library Book Sale will occur on April 23rd through April 26th, with a cordial invitation to all present to attend this event.

11. FAIR HOUSING MONTH - April, 1975.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

12. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK - April 20-26, 1975.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with grateful acceptance by Ms. Cathy Joiner, Executive Director, Volunteer Bureau. Ms. Joiner likewise extended an invitation to the Bureau's Open House on Thursday, April 24th, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

13. AZTEC PROFESSIONAL SOCCER WEEK - April 20-26, 1975.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. CRENSHAW/SANTA FE RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That a consultant be retained to prepare an Environmental Impact Report on the subject project.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

15. GAS TAX FUNDS APPROPRIATION FOR ACQUISITION OF PRAIRIE-MADRONA AND 235TH STREETS - Legal Expenses.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That \$50,000 be appropriated from Section 2106 Gas Tax Funds for necessary extensive legal work.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Attorney and approve the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Gas Tax Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

16. GAS TAX FUNDS APPROPRIATION FOR WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD TO MADRONA AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$210,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for design and construction on Sepulveda Boulevard from Hawthorne Boulevard to Madrona Avenue.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and to approve an appropriation of \$210,000 from the 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the stated purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

17. LETTER FROM INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OFFERING TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF REDONDO BEACH, TORRANCE, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT RE: PROSPECT AVENUE-FLAGLER LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

It was agreed that members of the Public Works Committee should attend the meeting desired by the Inter-City Transportation Committee. Councilman Surber so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

Mr. Herbert Sarkisian was present and noted the deep involvement of James Clark and himself in this matter, and requested notification of the meeting in order that they might be in attendance. There were no objections to the request; however, Mayor Miller asked that attendance be limited to homeowner representatives rather than homeowners en masse.

18. VIA VALMONTE RETAINING WALL.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$2,500 from Gas Tax Funds be appropriated for construction of subject retaining wall.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and to approve the appropriation of \$2,500 from the Gas Tax Funds for construction of subject retaining wall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

19. Withdrawn.

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S OFFICIAL AUDIT OPINION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1974.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to accept the Finance Director's Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Official Audit Opinion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1974. The motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

21. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND KAAG OF CALIFORNIA, A DIVISION OF AVNET CORPORATION, AND ALFLEX CORPORATION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-62. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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(Councilman Brewster arrived at the meeting at this time, the hour being 6:10 P.M.)

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22. RESOLUTION re: Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN SUBGRANT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO INITIATE A PROGRAM UNDER TITLE I OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-63. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

- 23. RESOLUTION authorizing Case No. AL 74-19 - M.O. Dion & Sons application for petroleum agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PETROLEUM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND M.O. DION & SONS, INC. FOR DELIVERY OF SHELL OIL COMPANY AVIATION FUEL AND OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO HI SHEAR CORPORATION, AND OTHER CUSTOMERS ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-64. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 24. ORDINANCE NO. 2549.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO NUDITY ON PUBLIC PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, BEACHES AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2548 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2549 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 25. ORDINANCE NO. 2550.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 6 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATION AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE 2 THEREFOR, ENTITLED ORGANIZATION.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2550 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Release and Abstract for Settlement Agreement involving lawsuit against City (Plaster v. Don Wilson Builders, et al).

RESOLUTION NO. 75-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN RELEASE AND ABSTRACT OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN SETTLEMENT OF A LAWSUIT INVOLVING THE CITY OF TORRANCE.
(Plaster v. Don Wilson Builders)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-65. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

27. RELOCATION OF POWER POLE - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY DISPUTE (Re: Prairie-Madrona project).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the procedure and the lawsuit outlined in communication of April 15, 1975 be approved and authorized, and that the City Attorney's office also be authorized to employ Attorney Samuel C. Polk to assist in the litigation, since he is familiar with the facts and law -- total legal services not to exceed a maximum of \$1,000.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE NOTE:

This amount is chargeable to funds appropriated for the Prairie-Madrona Project.

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

28. RESOLUTION supporting Senate Joint Resolution No. 45 and House Joint Resolution 227, designating the second week in May as "Municipal Clerks' Week".

RESOLUTION NO. 75-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45 AND HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 227, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE SECOND WEEK IN MAY AS "MUNICIPAL CLERKS' WEEK".

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-66. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:29. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. Budgeted Items

1. \$918.38 to Moore Business Forms to print City voucher-warrant forms as requested by the Finance Department.
2. \$345.36 to Carburetor Sales and Service Company for four (4) replacement 4-cycle gas engines as requested for repair of park maintenance equipment.
3. \$4613.12 to Ernst Distributing Inc. for 16,000 gallons of diesel fuel as requested by the City Garage. This was a supplemental fuel shipment to offset a temporary shortage of fuel from our present supplier (Phillips) due to fire.
4. \$829.59 to Melroe Equipment Company for necessary repairs on a Ford Tractor Unit #9200 as requested by the City Garage.
5. \$1105.95 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for necessary miscellaneous tire repair and recapping services as requested by the City Garage.
6. \$303.31 to Jorgensen Steel for six (6) replacement grader/dozer blades as requested by the City Garage which must be replaced from time to time.
7. \$531.57 to Norton Wholesale Electric for electrical wire requested by the Department of Transportation to rewire overhead door circuits at Fire Station #1.
8. \$460.04 to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company for four (4) basketball backstops requested by the Recreation Department as replacements.
9. \$609.70 to 3M Corporation for 77 rolls of "shelf arranger tape" as requested by the City Librarian. This is a manufacturer direct purchase of a proprietary item from 3M.
10. \$1000.00 to Jet Sounds for the purchase of phonograph records as requested by the City Librarian.
11. \$500.00 to Library Record and Tape Sales for phonograph records as requested by the City Librarian.
13. \$2014.07 to Films Incorporated for the leasing of certain films as requested by the City Librarian.
12. \$1000.00 to Sound Music Sales for phonograph records as requested by the City Librarian.
14. \$379.18 to Lacial Company for the purchase of four (4) replacement sprockets for a Wayne street sweeper as requested by the City Garage.

15. \$505.13 to Edgington Oil Company for a shipment of 1710 gallons of SS-1-H road oil emulsion as an interim delivery between contracts as required by the Street Department.
16. On March 12, 1975, the City opened Formal Bids for required fire hose as requested by the Fire Department. Although we mailed out Requests to Bid to 15 companies, only one company responded with a bid, American Rubber Company. It is recommended that inasmuch as only one company now manufactures 600 pound test fire hose as required by the Fire Department, and inasmuch as the bid prices are within amount budgeted for this purchase, Council approve of an award of \$9391.60 to American Rubber Manufacturing Company for required firehose as bid on Bid #B75-6. There were No Bids received from Halprin Supply Company and from Western Fire Equipment Company.
17. \$346.51 to A.M.P. Special Industries for required electrical fasteners as requested by the Department of Transportation/ Communications for stock. This is a proprietary style item sold direct from the authorized Los Angeles outlet.
18. \$2032.02 to Mine Safety Appliance Company for the purchase of four (4) each M.S.A. style resuscitator air masks and four (4) 30 minute air cylinders as requested by the Fire Department to be used on ladder truck #5. This is a manufacturer direct purchase. M.S.A. has no other outlets in the L. A. area.
19. \$503.31 to Fuller Paint Stores for the purchase of 32 gallons of paint as requested by the Water Department. Fuller Paint is requested, based on good performance in the past.
20. \$518.34 to James Jones Company for 3,000 each 3/4 inch water pipe couplings as requested by the Water Department.

B. Reimbursable Items

21. \$353.67 to Park Son Inc. for one (1) each six-inch water pipe tapping sleeve and tapping valve as requested by the Water Department for installation at the "Pup-n-Taco" site at Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.
 22. \$1141.95 to Smart and Final for miscellaneous refreshment items served at Recreation Department activities which are reimbursed via funds collected from participants.
30. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Bid B75-3 regarding tractor with loader, hoe and harrow. Total Expenditure: \$45,840.23.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/
EQUIPMENT SUPERVISOR: That Council approve of the following awards to the low bidders of each item respectively:

1. Recommend an award for the following: 1½ cubic yard Articulated Loader; tractor with front loader and back hoe; and offset Disc/Harrow be made to the low bidder Melroe Equipment Company in the total amount of \$44,516.82 including tax.

2. Recommend an award for the Grader Blade Attachment (to be mounted on a City owned tractor to be used by Park Department playground use) be made to the low bidder Digmor Equipment and Engineering Company in the total amount of \$1,323.41 including tax.
3. Recommend all bids for the Compact Articulated Loader be rejected for the reason that we are not satisfied with bid response.

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Bid B75-7 Custodial Supplies.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER: That Council approve of awarding the following contracts as itemized in communication of April 10:

1. \$4,720.13 to A-1 Chemical for items #1-4, 6-8, 37, 41, and 63.
2. \$4,324.21 to Firstco for items #5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18-21, 25, 34, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 49, 53, 54, 57, 58, 60 and 61.
3. \$4,473.02 to Economy Supply Company for items #14, 23, 24, 27, 32, 33, 44, 50 and 55.
4. \$3,155.13 to Apex Distributing Company for items #11, 28, 29, 31, 40 and 59.
5. \$689.47 to National Sanitary Supply Company for items #16, 17, 35, 43, 51, 52 and 56.
6. \$5,035.53 to Zellerbach Paper Company for items #38 and 46.
7. \$1,069.54 to Proctor & Gamble for items #26, 30, and 62.

NOTE: The above listed dollars include sales tax.

32. CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN FACILITIES IN MADISON STREET
(Drainage District 7B).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER: That \$60,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for the referenced project.

33. APPROPRIATION FROM THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER: That \$25,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for design and construction of drainage facilities at the following locations:

1. Western Avenue s/o Artesia Boulevard
2. Tandem Way at Newton Street
3. Emerald Street and Maricopa Street at Ladeene Avenue.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #29,30,31,32,and #33. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:15 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency; motion seconded by Councilman Wilson; unanimously approved. The Council returned at 6:16 P.M.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

34. RESOLUTION expressing deep gratitude to John S. Pontius.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS DEEP
GRATITUDE TO JOHN S. PONTIUS FOR HIS
AID AND ASSISTANCE IN WORKING WITH THE
CITY IN THE ACQUISITION OF CHARLES H.
WILSON COMMUNITY PARK.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-67, with the request that it be permaplaqued. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. TEMPORARY SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Request of Newton PTA to display a sign in the triangle at the intersection of Hawthorne and Sepulveda Boulevards - April 16 to April 20, 1975.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER:

That Council approve the subject request based on precedence of prior Council action which has allowed similar signs - i.e., Torrance Rodeo, Lions Football game, Torrance Fire Auxiliary, and the Greek Festival - at this location, provided that it will be so stipulated that the sign will not impede traffic visibility and will be removed at the stated date.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Building and Safety Director and City Engineer and approve the request of the Newton PTA. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. Director of Transportation Horkey requested a meeting of the Transportation Committee re: programs outlined in the Bus Task Force report -- the date selected was April 28th at 5:00 P.M.

37. The success of the City's "community gardens" at the Columbia Park site was reported by Councilwoman Geissert based on her recent visit there; hopefully, other garden spots can be located in other parts of the City.

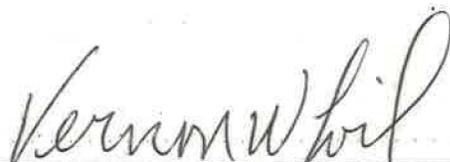
38. Councilwoman Geissert noted the recent SCAG communication congratulating Planning Associate Gomez on the quality of the City's final application for the Housing and Community Development Act funds -- Mrs. Geissert joined in these congratulations.

Further noted by Mrs. Geissert was the reference to Madrona Marsh in this communication and the recommendation that the Deputy of the new State Park and Recreation Director be invited to visit and inspect the Marsh site. There were no objections to the arrangement of such a visit; Director of Park and Recreation Van Bellehem will arrange same.

39. Councilman Wilson referred to a pending meeting with School District representatives regarding the evaluation of future plans and the date therefor -- City Manager Ferraro advised that he is awaiting a reply, and will set up such a meeting when this is at hand.

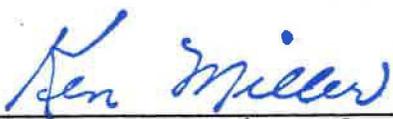
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the
City of Torrance

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance