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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, May 20, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster, Surber, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilwoman Geissert (in Sacramento, League of California Cities); Councilman Uerkwitz (vacation).

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:

Mr. Ben Haggott led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father John Beattie, Sr.; St. John Fisher Church, Palos Verdes, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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 (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Brewster 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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Legislative Liaison Committee:

Met this date; report forthcoming to the Council.

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At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Miko Haggott introduced her guest from Sister City Kashiwa, Japan, Miss Keiko Kasai, and related her many community activities during her one year stay in the City of Torrance. Miss Kasai confirmed the pleasure of her stay in "so beautiful" Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved adoption of a resolution expressing the City's gratitude and appreciation, for Miss Keiko in recognition of her community efforts and fine Sister City representation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Wilson that the above resolution be forwarded to Kashiwa's Mayor and City Council. There were no objections; so ordered.

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8A. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

It was announced by Mayor Miller that, effective May 15th, Councilman Surber is Mayor Pro Tem.

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COMMENDATION:

9. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION to Robert Osborn, Fire Department, in recognition of outstanding public service.

Presentation of the Certificate of Appreciation, and the congratulations of the Council, was made by Mayor Miller, with grateful acceptance by Firefighter Osborn.

PROCLAMATION:

10. AMERICAN HERITAGE FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL WEEK.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. RESOLUTION re: 1995 Functional Classification Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE 1995 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION STUDY AS THE HIGHWAY ELEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Prior to taking action of the resolution, City Engineer Weaver provided clarification regarding the subject Plan, and recommended that the resolution be adopted but that the last paragraph thereof be modified to state that the 1995 Functional Classification Plan should exactly match the Circulation Element of the City's General Plan thereby making the Council's position a consistent one.

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MOTION: Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-93, as above amended by City Engineer Weaver. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

MANPOWER:

12. REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE of \$528,860 of Federal Funds for Fiscal Year 1976 to continue program operations under Title I of CETA.

RECOMMENDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCE ANALYST/MANPOWER PLANNING COUNCIL: That Council adopt the proposed allocation of CETA funds for 1976.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing the passage of AB 1723, dealing with changes in collective bargaining procedures for SCRTD employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING AB 1723 (SIEROTY) WHICH PROPOSED CHANGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCEDURES FOR SCRTD EMPLOYEES.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-94; the motion was seconded by Councilman Surber. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-95

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 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DISCOUNT AUTO PARTS, INC.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-95. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

15. BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSIONS.

It was the consensus of the Council that Budget Workshop Sessions be set as follows:

Monday, June 2nd - 5:00-7:00 P.M.  
 Wednesday, June 4th - 5:00-7:00 P.M.  
 Thursday, June 5th - 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Additional workshop sessions will be scheduled as necessary.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:16. ORDINANCE NO. 2554.ORDINANCE NO. 2554

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 4  
 TO CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 8 OF THE  
 TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT  
 THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS ON PUBLIC  
 PARKS OR PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN THE CITY  
 OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2554 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2555.ORDINANCE NO. 2555

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING  
 SECTION 17.103.1 OF THE TORRANCE  
 MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2555 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2556.ORDINANCE NO. 2556

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
 THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION  
 17.43.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
 CODE.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2556 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. WAIVER OF FEES, V 72-13, Cathedral of Life Foursquare Church.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to waive the application fee of \$175; however, the \$25 notification fee should be retained to cover material expenses. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

20. RESOLUTION re: CUP 75-9, Great Lakes Properties, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BONA FIDE EATING ESTABLISHMENT AND TOBACCO AND SUNDRIES STORE ON PROPERTY IN THE C-3 ZONE LOCATED AT 3838 CARSON STREET

(CUP 75-9 - Great Lakes Properties, Inc.)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-96. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

21. PUBLIC HEARING - MASS TRANSPORTATION GRANT.  
RESOLUTION authorizing the filing of a Mass Transportation Capital Improvement Grant for the Torrance Transit System.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place to consider the application of the City of Torrance, California, Torrance Transit System, for a Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

At the Mayor's request, Deputy City Clerk Moss presented an Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Certified Copy of Proof of Publication.

Staff presentation on the proposed Capital Improvement Grant Application and its related information was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay and Transportation Administrator Critchfield. Slides detailing pertinent facts and statistics accompanied these presentations. Further clarification regarding land negotiations in the subject area and proposed overall development of the northerly Civic Center area was provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

Mayor Miller then invited comments from persons or organizations regarding social, economic and environmental aspects of the project proposed under this application for a Mass Transportation Capital Improvement Grant. The Mayor indicated that such testimony would be accepted verbally or in writing.

Mrs. Pat Preston, 2409 Ridgeland Road, noted the forthcoming reduced bus transportation for Torrance school children, and urged that the Torrance Transit System initiate a program for bussing the children to school on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Administrative Analyst Schmitt, of the Transportation Department, reported Staff findings in this regard -- specifically, per SCAG, that any mileage acquired via school bus transportation would not apply to the Torrance Transit System; therefore, to take over this service would not result in the benefit of accruing additional local transportation funds to support the effort. Mr. Schmitt added that consideration undoubtedly would be given to fixed bus lines serving the general public in that the routing thereof could likely be arranged to serve students who live a long distance from schools, along with the needs of the residents trying to get to work, shopping, etc. City Manager Ferraro pointed out that it would not be possible to have any such plan in operation by September.

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

It was the request of Mayor Miller, after ascertaining that there was no further discussion desired by the Council, that Deputy City Clerk Moss assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 75-97

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR A MASS TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-97. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

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ROUTINE MATTERS:

22. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:

1. \$1,102.15 to Western Fire Equipment Company for miscellaneous fire fighting fittings and valves, as requested by the Fire Department.
2. \$679.97 to Doubleday and Company for 121 library books.
3. \$483.99 to West State Books, Inc. for 86 library books.
4. \$883.28 to Aldine Books for 153 library books.
5. \$1,205.57 to Needham Book Finders for 238 library books.
6. \$1,957.81 to Jet Sounds Company for purchase of miscellaneous phonograph records.
7. \$662.97 to Automatic Printing for printing library book check-out transaction slips as required by the Library Department for book circulation.

8. \$1,855.00 to Western States Envelope Corp. for furnishing water and rubbish bill envelopes as requested by Customer Services.
9. \$309.89 to Airport Nursery for replacement street trees and miscellaneous plants as requested by the Park Services and Street Tree Divisions.
10. \$642.71 to Edgington Oil Company for the purchase of 2,000 gallons of #SS-1-H asphalt emulsion requested by the Street Department for street resurfacing work.
11. \$2,271.70 to Globe Gas Company for 9,525 gallons of propane fuel used to operate City vehicles as requested by the City Garage.
12. \$183.84 additional monies requested to W.W. Irwin Company for additional work required to complete installation of vapor recovery system at City Yard on City fuel tanks as required by the Air Pollution Control Board.
13. \$1,178.96 to Inglewood Stationers for miscellaneous stationery items as requested by Central Services Division.
14. \$646.60 to Zumar Industries for 50 each "Notice to Public" signs concerning vandalism, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
15. \$918.24 to County of Los Angeles, Department of Registrar-Recorder for supplies and services required by the City of Torrance to hold a special Municipal Election in Consolidation with the L.A. General Election on November 5, 1975.
16. \$1,753.91 to Torrance Auto Body for necessary repairs to a 1974 B&W police vehicle (Unit #7177) involved in an accident, as requested by the City Garage.
17. \$5,405.38 to Ernst Distributing, Inc. for 17,966 gallons of diesel fuel, as requested by the City Garage.
18. \$932.50 to International Harvester Company for miscellaneous International Harvester repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
19. \$1,108.68 to Johnny Gillette for miscellaneous tire repair and recapping service, as requested by the City Garage.
20. \$638.44 to Hetzel Brothers for fifteen sets of heavy vehicle brake blocks, as requested by the City Garage for replacements.
21. \$1,300.00 to Dewey Pest Control to renew an annual contract for monthly pest control services of City buildings.



ADDENDUM ITEM:

26. RESOLUTION re: Visit of Miss Keiko Kasai.

See below.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. The outstanding job done by Captain Lanham on the Armed Forces Day Parade was commended by City Manager Ferraro -- like acknowledgment was made by the Council, with the request that there be recognition of same in a manner deemed appropriate by the City Manager.

28. Mayor Miller noted the absence of <sup>Armed Forces Day</sup> award recipients at the Awards Dinner, and recommended that invitations to same go forward in the future -- Mr. Ferraro will so advise the Chamber of Commerce.

29. Councilman Surber requested that a "thank you letter" be sent to Mayor Bradley of Los Angeles, as well as to the Police Commission on the band's performance and the motorcycle drill team. Further, that the parade announcer be commended for his fine job.

30. City Manager Ferraro reported on his recent trip to Sacramento and the apparent "changing times" in legislative approaches.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

26. RESOLUTION re: Visit of Miss Keiko Kasai.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING THE VISIT TO TORRANCE OF MISS KEIKO KASAI, THE CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR SISTER CITY, KASHIWA CITY, JAPAN.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-98. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.)

31. Councilman Brewster noted the apparent need for coordination of activities in connection with the Madrona Marsh survey. City Manager Ferraro will review the problem and return with a report.

32. Problems pertaining to convalescent homes, per communication from Mr. Mandell, were noted by Councilman Wilson -- City Manager Ferraro advised that a study is underway.

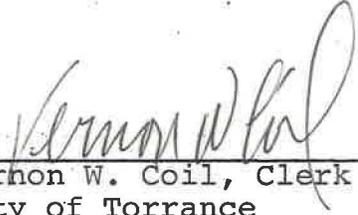
33. Councilman Wilson referred to Staff the matter of financial support, on a one-time basis, for the Torrance Vikings, championship soccer team, in order that they might participate for the National Championship in Seattle, Washington on May 31st.

34. Mr. Dick Rossberg, president, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, indicated concurrence regarding the success of Armed Forces Day, and congratulated City Staff for their role in this event.

Mr. Rossberg next noted City Staff participation in the Chamber's Career Seminars for Torrance high school students.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the  
City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance