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June 4, 1975 at 5:00 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, June 3, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 5:40 P.M. It was necessary for Councilman Wilson to leave the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. J. Walker Owens led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Boyd Kifer, Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 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 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).

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 Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Council/School Board Ad Hoc Committee:

Will meet on June 4th re: tennis courts.

Ad Hoc Oil Landscaping Committee:

Councilman Wilson advised that the matter of standards which might be imposed on portable rigs has been reviewed -- recommendations will be worked out between Staff and oil company representatives, and will be returned to the Committee prior to Council presentation.

Committee re: City Flag:

Will meet on June 4th.

PRESENTATION:9. RECOGNITION OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM.

Awards to team members of the Torrance High School Varsity Cross-Country Team, in recognition of their having placed second in large school division for the C.I.F. Championship, were presented by Councilman Armstrong.

PROCLAMATION:

## 10. Welcome to Harbor Optimist Club.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller, with grateful acceptance by Harbor Optimist Club president, Mr. Bob Parish.

COMMISSION MATTERS:11. REPORT ON COMMISSION AND LEGISLATIVE INTERN VACANCIES.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

1. That Certificates of Appreciation be awarded to Conrad Berwanger, John Lankford and Edward D. Williams in recognition of their service to the City.
2. That the City Council fix a time and date for interviewing applicants to fill vacancies on the Environmental Quality Commission, the Library Commission and the Public Facilities Building Corporation. July 8, 1975, at 6:00 P.M. is suggested.
3. No recommendation is being made with regard to Legislative Interns, since the interns who did not receive tile plaques (awarded in February, 1975) are still serving.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with recommendations #1 and #2 of the City Clerk, as above stated, with an amendment to the effect that retiring Library Commissioner Lankford be granted the four-year award. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Councilman Brewster offered the following modification to the motion: That the Council accept Library Commissioner Lankford's resignation, effective May 1, 1975, and that his absence be an excused one.

There was further modification of the motion by Councilman Surber: That there also be a Certificate of Appreciation for Mrs. Rosemary DeCamp who recently resigned from the Fine Arts Commission.

The above amendments were acceptable to Councilman Armstrong, the maker of the main motion, and to Councilman Surber who had seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on the amended motion was unanimously favorable.

It was the consensus of the Council that the matter of Legislative Intern appointments be held at this time, with Councilmembers to return at a later date with suggestions and recommendations.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

12. REQUEST OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO APPOINT TWO TORRANCE REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH BAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL CENTER FOR OLDER ADULTS.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to refer Item #12 to the Senior Citizens Council for recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that it be ascertained whether or not the appointees need be in the senior citizen age category.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing Federal-Aid Urban (Highways) Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR FEDERAL-AID URBAN SYSTEM PROJECTS.

(FAU System Projects Agreement No. 44,  
Urbanized Area No. 021)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-103. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

14. RESOLUTIONS authorizing the National Flood Insurance Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OUTLINING THE BUILDING PERMIT SYSTEM IN FORCE WITHIN TORRANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-104, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Clarification regarding this mandatory HUD program, and the pending appeal by the City re: flood hazard map findings, was provided by City Manager Ferraro and City Engineer Weaver.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable, it being specifically indicated by Councilmen Brewster, Surber and Uerkwitz that their affirmative vote was a reluctant one.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OUTLINING FLOOD PLAN MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE WITHIN TORRANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-105. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-106

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 FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PLASMA TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND SOUTH BAY WAREHOUSE COMPANY.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-106. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

16. RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT to implement Phase II of the South Bay Corridor Study.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. Council approval of an appropriation in the amount of \$3,898 from 2107.5 Gas Tax Funds to cover City's share of the Agreement; and
2. Adoption of subject resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to ratify Agreement for Phase II of the South Bay Corridor Study.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BAY CITIES (ENUMERATED IN SAID AGREEMENT), THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF PHASE II OF THE SOUTH BAY CORRIDOR (TRANSPORTATION) STUDY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Director of Transportation, approving an appropriation of \$3,898 from Gas Tax Funds, and adopting Resolution No. 75-107. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2559.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 45.6.24 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE TAKING OFF OR LANDING OF HANG GLIDERS AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2558 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2559 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

18. CONTINUED HEARING - ZC 74-12, Torrance Unified School District.

Held for later in the meeting - See Page 8.

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APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:19. SIGN APPEAL FOR OLD TOWNE MALL.

Staff presentation was made by Environmental Quality Division Supervisor Godfrey.

Representing Old Towne Mall, Mr. Paul Carlson outlined the basis of this appeal re: the condition that an existing ground sign at the north end of the development be removed. Mr. Carlson pointed out the need for identification via this existing sign, the initial investment for the sign, etc., and noted their willingness to entertain "WELCOME TO TORRANCE" lettering rather than to destroy a \$10,000 sign.

There was Council discussion regarding the appeal; it was deemed a unique situation; noted was the 1600 ft. frontage, other signing arrangements in the City, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to grant the subject appeal, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the sign be limited to 25 feet in height and 200 sq. ft. in attraction area.
2. That the sign be architecturally treated so as to match the decor of the Old Towne Mall electronic ground sign.
3. The placement of the sign be such that it does not compromise the existing landscaping and parking requirements; and
4. That the spirit of the postscript in the letter from the Old Towne Mall, to wit, "change the lettering to 'WELCOME TO TORRANCE'" be incorporated in some manner into the copy of the "Specialty" sign.

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

(Councilman Wilson left the meeting at this time - 6:10 P.M.)

ROUTINE MATTERS:20. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29294.

Subdivider: Wilcraft Development, Inc.  
(Don Wilson, Jr.)

Engineer: Engineering Services

Location: Between 230th Place and 231st Street,  
east of Crenshaw Boulevard.

No. of Lots: 6

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Tract Map No. 29294 be approved.

21. APPROPRIATION FROM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR DRAINAGE FACILITIES ON EARL STREET AT MARICOPA STREET.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$3,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for design and construction of drainage facilities on Earl Street at Maricopa Street.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #20 and #21. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

22. ORDINANCE re: Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding - Engineers.

ORDINANCE NO. 2560

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART III OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN CERTAIN HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2560 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

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The hour being 6:15 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 6:20 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

23. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the matter of additional pay for retired police officers may be referred to the Council Finance Committee; it is not properly a subject for collective bargaining.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to refer the subject matter to the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

24. City employees commended by Councilman Armstrong were Mrs. Erika Grubb of the Recreation Department and all those involved in the successful Folk Arts Festival, "a tremendous thing" -- and to Records Management Coordinator Fern Hansen for honors bestowed on her by the American Records Management Association of Greater Los Angeles, her nomination as Recording Secretary, and her great demand as a speaker of note. It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that Miss Hansen be commended for this nomination and her services, all of great credit to the City of Torrance.

25. The passing of Mrs. Eleanor Coil, mother of City Clerk Coil, was regretfully reported by Councilman Armstrong, with the request that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

26. Councilwoman Geissert advised that Reverend Ragsdale, First United Methodist Church, will be retiring on June 30th -- in view of the considerable community contributions of Reverend and Mrs. Ragsdale, Councilwoman Geissert MOVED that they be afforded appropriate recognition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

27. Concerns regarding S.B. 175 and cancelled Committee meetings (per legislative bulletin from the League of California Cities) were voiced by Councilman Surber who referred same to the Legislative Liaison Committee.

28. It was the request of Councilman Surber that Staff respond to the recent communication from Mrs. Betty Jones regarding police protection advising her the amount of time spent in the patrol of residential areas, her concern being the amount of police activity around various high schools with the open campus policy.

29. Action of the South Bay Councilmen's Association in the recommendation of Mr. Joe Barnett, Palos Verdes Estates, as LAFCO representative was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The Council now returned to:

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

18. CONTINUED HEARING ZC 74-12, Torrance Unified School District (Ocean Avenue School Site) - Change of zone from P-U to R-3 or RTH on property located west of Ocean Avenue between 236th and 238th Streets.  
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL 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 Continued Hearing -- Staff presentations were made by Planning Director Shartle, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Present, representing the School Board, Dr. Owen Griffith reaffirmed that the Board would negotiate the subject property at R-1 value. Dr. Bernard Garen was of the opinion that the best position for the City likely would be to await budgetary considerations -- the School Board's primary interest is that the City purchase the land; there should be no problem in arriving at a mutually agreeable price -- therefore, it was the request of Dr. Garen, on behalf of the Board, that the subject

case be postponed until completion of budget deliberations and hearings.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the request of the proponent to defer ZC 74-12 to July 1, 1975, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz.

Concurrence with the above action was indicated by Dr. Garen.

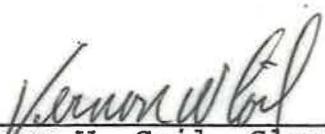
Tentative Budget Workshop schedules were outlined by Mayor Miller for the information of those present. Mr. Michael Gleason expressed the desire of Riviera Little League and AYSO that the City purchase this property for park purposes, and was directed to appear at the workshop sessions.

Roll call vote on Councilman Surber's motion to continue ZC 74-12 to July 1, 1975 was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

At 7:05 P.M. Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Wednesday, June 4, 1975, at 5:00 P.M. for the first Budget Workshop Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

This June 3, 1975 Council meeting was adjourned in memory of Mrs. Eleanor Coil.

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 Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the  
 City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance