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Adjourned at 8:25 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, June 10, 1975, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Brewster.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Water System Manager Borgwat led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was by Reverend Boyd Kifer, Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of the minutes of May 13, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

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 absent).

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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Public Works:

Met this date - report forthcoming.

PRESENTATION:

9. CONCRETE INDUSTRY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE to the City of Torrance for intersection at Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue.

Presentation was made by Mr. Don Reining of the Southern California Ready-Mix Concrete Association, with grateful acceptance by Mayor Miller.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. RESOLUTION authorizing State Bicycle Lane Account Funding. Prairie-Madrona Project between Del Amo Boulevard and 190th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST LOCAL AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 29-75 BLA BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROVIDING STATE BICYCLE LANE FUNDS ON PRAIRIE AVENUE BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND 190TH STREET.

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-108. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

11. ORDINANCE to provide for the consideration of the Environmental Impact of proposed projects and creating an Environmental Review Board to administer same, and rescinding Resolution No. 74-110 relating to the same matter.

ORDINANCE NO. 2561

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 31 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED PROJECTS AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD TO ADMINISTER SAME AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 74-110 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2561 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilwoman Geissert referred to Page 6, Section 3 of the ordinance - APPEAL FEE and recommended that this section be amended to state that decisions may be appealed by members of the City Council without fee.

Noted by City Attorney Remelmeyer was the general right of appeal section by the Council in the front of the Code which is applicable to any provision. It was the consensus of the Council that this overriding Code section would satisfy any concerns in this regard, and that each such appeal could be considered on its merits on an individual basis.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion for the approval of Ordinance No. 2561 was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

TRANSPORTATION MATTER:

12. TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AT PLAZA DRIVE.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

That Council concur in the following compromise:

The Committee studied the background information and listened to a presentation of the opposing claims of Mr. Levitt and the Transportation Department.

The Committee was of the opinion that both conflicting claims were too extreme and that a more equitable distribution was embodied in the proposed Staff compromise. Under this proposal, Mr. Levitt would pay one-half of the total project cost, which share is estimated to be \$15,500; Skypark would pay one-quarter of the cost (\$7,750); and the City would also pay one-quarter of the cost (\$7,750). Mr. Levitt agreed to accept the compromise proposal on the condition that his share not exceed a total price of \$15,500. The Committee accepted this condition.

Accordingly, the City and Mr. Levitt have agreed that Rolling Hills Plaza Company pay one-half of the total project cost of the signal installation, not to exceed \$15,500. Mr. Levitt will receive a refund based on this formula at the time the actual project cost becomes known to the City.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to accept the above stated recommendation of the Transportation Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:13. NRPA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET.

The Council accepted the invitation of the Park and Recreation Commission to attend their National Parks and Recreation Awards Banquet on Wednesday, June 25th.

14. MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: It has been mutually agreed that henceforth this Committee of the Council will meet with representatives of the School Board on a monthly basis. The first of these regular meeting will be held on July 10 with the City as host. Henceforth, the meetings will be at 8:00 A.M. on the second Thursday of each month (alternating between the City Council Assembly Room and the District Board Room).

Noted by the Council.

At this point in the meeting, Councilman Uerkwitz requested that Staff investigate excessive use of the Las Canchas tennis complex by non-residents, as has been reported to him.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:15. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Hours, Wages, and Working Conditions.

Held for later in the meeting - See Page 10.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:16. ORDINANCE NO. 2560.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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2560 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:17. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES BY C.O.M.E.T. (Concern of Mankind for Ecology Today).

Mr. Charles Clayton, Founder and President of C.O.M.E.T., 2706 West 184th Street, Redondo Beach, stated that he has now been advised that the desired property is not available, hence the request is withdrawn.

It was further reported by Mr. Clayton that there are problems involving the subject vacant lot -- it is used for "pot parties" and like activities -- and it should be boarded up, in his opinion. This matter was referred to the City Manager for investigation.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the request of the proponent that this item be withdrawn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous (Councilman Brewster absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

18. ZC 75-4, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Change of zone from A-1 to M-2 on property located on the northwest and southwest corners of Western Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL 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. There was no response.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and Planning Commission for approval of ZC 75-4, change of zone from A-1 to M-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

19. Withdrawn.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

20. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON 1975-76 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the first hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget, which includes the planned use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, for the 1975-76 fiscal year.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Armstrong MOVED to receive and file said Affidavit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard in this matter.

Mrs. Rachel Meyer, 21233 Kent Avenue, posed questions pertaining to the Metropolitan Water District tax rate; dues paid by City for SCAG membership; departmental vandalism reports; Housing and Community Development publication subscriptions are included where? Appropriate response was forthcoming from Staff members.

It was the further personal comment of Mrs. Meyer that she is very concerned about the amount of Federal Grant money in the 1975-76 Budget -- what is to happen in the next year or two if every city in this country increases the amount of Federal funds to its budget by 29%. Federal funds come from three sources, per Mrs. Meyer: the taxpayer; by increasing the money supply which only increases inflation; and by Federal Government borrowing, which does not leave much around for any private enterprise to use for business expansion. In conclusion, Mrs. Meyer stated: "Please remember, all grants come from the taxpayer."

A proposed contract for City towing was offered by Mr. Tom Schonlau, 5109 Vanderhill -- this matter was referred to City Manager Ferraro.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue the hearing to June 24, 1975, the time of the second hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

Mayor Miller announced that the next Budget Workshop Session will occur on Wednesday, June 11th, at 5:00 P.M.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

21. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$1199.66 to Capitol Equipment Company for the purchase of 15 fire fighting "Nomex" coats as requested by the Fire Department.
2. \$2764.48 to Albro Fire Equipment Company for two dry chemical fire fighting systems for controlling flammable liquid or gas fires requested by the Fire Department.
3. \$1540.00 to Mike Brown Grandstands, Inc. for rental of steel frame bleachers delivered and set up on site, to be used for the City's Aquacade program.
4. \$330.72 to Industrial Control System for annual contract to provide cloth roll towels requested by the Custodial Department for use at the City Yard.

5. \$646.60 to Zumar Industry for 50 each "Notice to Public" vandalism signs requested by Department of Transportation as replacements.
  6. \$570.28 to Needham Book Finders for 156 library books.
  7. \$647.45 to Associated of Los Angeles for the purchase of replacement fluorescent lamp ballasts required by the Department of Transportation.
  8. \$516.04 to Pohlman Life Products for the purchase of respirator accessories and related hardware required by Paramedic Unit.
  9. \$1000.00 to California Fireworks Display Company for the fireworks display used for Armed Forces Day Parade celebration.
  10. \$445.40 to Torrance Auto Body to generally repair dents and repair two Fire Department units in need of refurbishing. (Ref. Units #146 and #147)
  11. \$1,676.52 to West States Book for the purchase of 337 library books.
  12. \$821.78 to M.O. Dion & Sons, Inc. for 1,802 gallons of gasoline for Fire Station #3 and the Water Yard.
  13. \$312.15 to SSP Truck Equipment Company to accomplish necessary repairs to a truck body involved in an accident.
  14. \$1,313.08 to LaSalle Paper Company for miscellaneous printing, NCR, and index paper as requested by the Central Services Division.
  15. \$428.17 to A-1 Turf Irrigation Sales for miscellaneous sprinkler system supplies as requested by the Park Services Division for use at the Paseo de las Tortugas park.
  16. \$308.69 to California Copy Products for plates for miscellaneous plates for platemaker, as requested by Central Services.
22. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 31332.  
 Subdivider: Watt Industries  
 Engineer: Lanco Engineering  
 Location: Between Hawthorne Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd.,  
           South of Winlock Drive.  
 No. of Lots: Tract No. 31332 - 36.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:  
 Approval of Final Tract Map No. 31332.

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23. IMPROVEMENT OF 190TH STREET (SOUTH SIDE) FROM PRAIRIE AVENUE TO CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$275,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for construction of 190th Street (south side) from Prairie Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard.

24. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS - HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/PERSONNEL

MANAGER: That Council adopt the revised class specifications of Heavy Equipment Operator and Construction Equipment Operator.

25. CLAIM of Elsie M. Lenahan for personal damages.

26. CLAIM of Jewel Mickelson for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claims on Items #25 and #26 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and #26. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

27. REPRESENTATIVES TO BEACH CITIES COMMITTEES ON AGING (BCCOA)

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL:

That Etta Morgan and Velma Harber be appointed as the City's representatives to serve on the program Advisory Committee, as requested by Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Senior Citizens Council. The motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

28. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-109

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 A C GLASS COMPANY, ACE RADIATOR SERVICE, CROWN BODY AND FENDER, AND JOHNSON'S ALIGNMENT SERVICE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-109. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

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At 7:50 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 7:51 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. Councilman Armstrong requested that Legislative Advocate Rupert review recent communication re: A.B. 1246, with possible referral to Council Legislative Committee.

30. Councilman Armstrong requested "appropriate recognition" for Bishop Montgomery High School's CIF winning baseball team.

31. At Councilman Sumner's question, Chief Nash advised that the police shooting range problems are being resolved.

32. It was the request of Councilman Uerkwitz that the matter of automatic invitation to public affairs of past elected officials be referred to the Finance Committee. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

33. Councilman Uerkwitz requested a Staff report re: City Yard usage.

34. Announced by Councilman Wilson was the appointment of Councilwoman Geissert to the Environmental Quality and Resource Conservation Policy Committee for SCAG.

Further, per Dr. Wilson, Councilman Armstrong has been invited to appear before the House subcommittee on employee political rights.

35. Councilman Wilson requested that the Planning Commission consideration re: parking lot for proposed medical/dental facility at the corner of Date and Carson be appealed, it being his understanding that parties desiring to voice objections failed to do so at the Commission meeting due to a misunderstanding regarding procedures.

36. Councilman Wilson inquired re: recent communication pertaining to the "park-and-ride" situation at the May Company -- City Manager Ferraro advised that this matter is being investigated.

37. Representatives of the Torrance Pilots Association, Messrs. Roth and Sanders, inquired as to the status of the pending Staff report re: Transportation Department operations over past two years (will be available in approximately 45 days, per City Manager Ferraro); and pointed out the need for updated facilities at the Airport.

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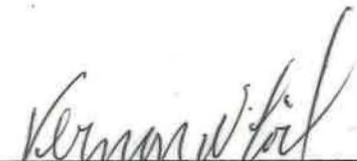
ITEM #15:

At 8:05 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for an Executive Session to discuss wages, hours, and working conditions, this being a proper subject matter, according to City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

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The Council returned at 8:25 P.M. Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Wednesday, June 11, 1975, at 5:00 P.M. for a Budget Workshop Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

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Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the  
City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance