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Adjourned at 10:00 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 17, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at 5:35 P.M. It was necessary for Councilman Wilson to leave the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Chief Nash led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of the minutes of May 20, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert 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 (Councilwoman Geissert 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 Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. RESOLUTION re: agreement with Owen Menard & Associates for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for proposed grade separation of Crenshaw and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Harbor Branch Line.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the subject resolution be adopted.
2. That \$10,000 in 2106 Gas Tax Funds be appropriated to cover consultant's fees and City Staff time in support of the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND OWEN MENARD AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (GRADE SEPARATION OF CRENSHAW BLVD. AND ATCHISON, TOPEKA, AND SANTA FE RAILWAY HARBOR BRANCH LINE).

Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of the City Engineer -- adoption of Resolution No. 75-110 and appropriation of \$10,000 in 2106 Gas Tax Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. RESOLUTION authorizing purchase of property from Louis R. and Ruth Rosenthal.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOUIS R. ROSENTHAL AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$32,100.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-111. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

11. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with Associated Soils Engineering, Inc. for soils testing services on Via Valmonte south of Mesa Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-112

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 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY AND ASSOCIATED SOILS ENGINEERING, INC.  
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
SOILS TESTING.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-112. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

12. RESOLUTION authorizing agreement regarding transfer of the remainder of Torrance's TOPICS Monies to the City of Pomona in exchange for one-half the equivalent amount from Pomona's October 1975 apportionment of Gas Tax Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE REMAINDER OF CITY OF TORRANCE TOPICS MONIES TO THE CITY OF POMONA IN EXCHANGE FOR ONE-HALF THE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT IN STATE GAS TAX FUNDS TO BE APPORTIONED TO THE CITY OF POMONA IN OCTOBER, 1975.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-113. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-114

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 FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND INDUSTRIAL PARTS DEPOT AND A&E TROPHIES.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-114. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

Held later in the meeting - See Page 14.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE.

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2561.

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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 Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2561 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

16. CONTRACT BETWEEN HUD AND THE CITY - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

Upon receipt of the signed contract, HUD will authorize the Federal Reserve Bank to issue a letter of credit payable to the City of Torrance in the amount of \$1,062,000.00. The City can thenceforth voucher monies in increments of no less than \$10,000.00 for reimbursement of funds expended on the approved projects.

It is recommended that Council approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Torrance and that said contract be immediately forwarded to HUD by Planning Staff.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber, Uerkwitz  
(disagree with concept).

17. RESOLUTION authorizing destruction of unneeded City records.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-115. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. RESOLUTION authorizing destruction of unneeded City Records.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-116. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. ORDINANCES A and B regarding Redbeam Problem - Use of single family residences.

Held until after 6:30 P.M., at the request of Mrs. Haukenberry.  
See Page 11.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

HEARING - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

The advertised hour of 6:00 P.M. for public hearings having not yet arrived, Items 20, 21, 22, and 23 were held for later in the meeting. (See Pages 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.)

ROUTINE MATTERS:

24. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following expenditures:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$352.59 to Le Brec Emblem Company, Inc. for 345 only "Torrance Police Explorer" emblems as requested by the Police Department.
2. \$2665.90 to Curran Productions to furnish and install replacement stage curtains at the Torrance Recreation Center.
3. \$372.86 to Lewellen Press of Torrance for the printing of "Notice of Intent to Issue Warrant" citation notices as requested by the Police Department.
4. \$498.58 to MacMillan Films, Inc. for the purchase of 4 films as part of the library film program.
5. \$2492.27 to Visions, Inc. for crystal shield book covers as requested by the City Librarian.

6. \$1882.24 to BroDart, Inc. for 170 adjustable book jacket covers requested by the City Librarian.
7. \$3874.20 to City of Pasadena "Metropolitan Cooperative Library System" for the City of Torrance's share of expenses for the "loan services" for books requested by citizens.
8. \$1240.20 to Western Highway Products for 1000 reflective street lane markers by the Department of Transportation.
9. \$338.48 to Germain Seed Company for 400 pounds of grass seed for planting, as requested by the Park Services Division.
10. \$712.32 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 25 1½" ballcorps as requested by the Water Department.
11. \$1104.67 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 18 various size water pipe service saddles requested by the Water Department.
12. \$1047.28 to Western Water Works Supply Company to furnish 50 each water pipe branch pieces complete with angle valves as requested by the Water Department.
13. \$351.30 to LaSalle Paper Company for the purchase of miscellaneous weights and grades of required printing paper as required by the Central Services Division.

B. REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES.

14. \$480.97 to Varda Company for intruder alarm and tape-switches, plus other miscellaneous alarm equipment, requested by the Police Department in conjunction with the Federally-funded Intruder Alarm Project.
  15. \$590.38 to Koppl Company to furnish and install one only 16-inch cement lined nozzle, as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Standard Brands water service.
25. Considered separately - See Page 14.
26. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Thermal Striping Powder (Ref. Bid #B75-21)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the bid submitted by the Cataphone Company, Division of Ferro Company, and approve of an award of a contract to them for subject thermal powder in the total amount of \$13,769.40, including sales tax.

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Construction of Earthwork at the Mobil Oil Corporation Stockpile Area, south of 190th Street and east of Prairie Avenue (B75-23) Job No. 75131.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to EARTH CONTRACTORS, INC., and all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations on Items #24, 26, and #27. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

28. ORDINANCE re: Compensation Provisions, Local #1117

See Page 15.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Manager Ferraro suggested that July 8th be a "dark night", due to the holiday and a scheduled national meeting on the 8th -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

30. Councilman Brewster indicated that he could not support the 1975-76 Budget if it remains in its present form when submitted for adoption on June 24th.

It was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert that the matter of the Ocean Avenue site has been "left hanging" -- hopefully, definitive action can be taken between now and July 1st.

A desire for further input, in light of unanswered questions, was expressed by Councilman Surber.

31. A report on the status of the City Attorney's Opinion regarding recent State legislation on sexual activities and consenting adults was requested by Councilman Surber.

32. Councilman Uerkwitz announced that signing of the South Bay Corridor Study, Phase 2 Agreement will occur on June 23rd in the Torrance Council Chambers.

33. An Appeal re: the Environmental Review Board's Negative Declaration finding on the proposed U.S. Steel development at Van Ness and Del Amo was made by Councilman Wilson, it being his opinion that an Environmental Impact Report likely would be more appropriate. There were no objections to the requested appeal, and it was so ordered.

34. Mayor Miller requested that Staff return with a figure from the School Board regarding the Ocean Avenue Site. It was the additional request of Councilman Uerkwitz that Staff also provide information re: alternative methods of financing the increase desired by pre-1971 retirees.

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It now being past the hour of 6:00 P.M., the Council returned to consider the scheduled hearings:

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

20. EA 75-46 (Re: CUP 75-23) ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY.  
Appeal of the Environmental Review Board's determination that an Environmental Impact Report is required for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a retail commercial facility on the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard.

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 hearing -- Staff presentations were made by Environmental Review Board Members Scharfman, Shartle, and McKinnon. City Attorney Remelmeyer cited the applicable State Guidelines in this matter.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Max Grabelja, 25829 Appian Way, reviewed possible access problems, and recommended consideration of a mini-park in the small diagonal area at this site.

Present to reiterate their objections pertaining to the "entertainment" aspect, noise, traffic, trash maintenance, the "swap meet" concept of the proposed development, etc. voiced at the Environmental Review Board meeting were Bob Downs, 25337 Banning, Lomita and James Hill, 2476 West 250th Street, Lomita.

The proponent, Mr. Albert Levitt, was present to describe the proposed project, specifically noting that there will be no activities outside the building other than parking, and that any of the above referred to problems could be resolved by Planning Department/Commission requirements.

(It was necessary for Councilman Wilson to leave the meeting during the above discussion, the hour being 6:30 P.M.)

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 (Councilman Wilson absent).

In favor of granting the appeal, Councilman Armstrong noted that there are ample controls by way of the Conditional Use Permit and appropriate ordinances; any significant impact has already been created by the existing shopping center.

It was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert that the significant impact on the environment of this project cannot be denied, particularly, the circulation problems and the proximity to residential areas -- an EIR should be required. Concurrence was indicated by Mayor Miller.

Another reason necessitating an EIR, per Councilman Brewster, is the fact that what is proposed is the first of its kind in the City of Torrance, and there is a dire need for data to better understand the development.

The following motions (both of which failed by way of a tie vote) resulted:

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Geissert moved that the appeal of the Environmental Review Board decision be denied, and that the EIR be prepared, as recommended by the Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, but failed to carry with a tie vote as follows:

**AYES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Geissert; Mayor Miller.

**NOES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Surber, Uerkwitz.

**ABSENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

**MOTION:** Councilman Armstrong moved to grant the subject appeal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, but failed to carry by way of a tie vote, as follows:

**AYES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Surber, Uerkwitz.

**NOES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Geissert; Mayor Miller.

**ABSENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

THE APPEAL, THEREFORE, WAS DENIED.

21. D 74-33, RUSSELL GIBSON. Appeal of Planning Commission action on a Division of Lot to create two parcels in the R-1 zone located at 25804 Matfield Drive.  
DENIED 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 continued public hearing in this matter. Noted was the recommendation of the Public Works Committee: That the lot split be DENIED as applied for, based on concern for the establishment of a precedent for waiving the provision of the hillside regulations, the possible adverse effects on the local area, the desire for consistency with the open space goals and policies in the General Plan.

Planning Director Shartle then elaborated on the 1964 lot split and the subsequent events which made such lot split null and void, with specific note of a soils report which was found unacceptable by the Engineering Department, and the fact that a lot split is not deemed complete until the lots are sold. Pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeyer were the revised lot lines of what was previously presented and what is now requested.

Mr. Leo Salisbury, 25804 Matfield, owner of the subject property, was present to reiterate his understanding of the 1964 lot split transaction, to affirm the validity of the soils report provided at that time, and to request a finding by the Council that the 1964 lot split was in order.

Also present was Mrs. Nan Salisbury who advised that there had been no notification to them or other interested parties regarding the date and time of the Council Public Works Committee meeting on this matter.

In view of the foregoing circumstance, it was the general consensus of the Council that this item should be returned to the Public Works Committee to permit Mr. Salisbury to make a presentation, as well as to invite other desired input by interested parties.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer Item #21 back to the Public Works Committee for further clarification and input, with the City Attorney to make a determination re: legalities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,  
Surber, Uerkwitz

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller (should have decided  
on "B" lot split this date).

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

The date of July 2nd at 7:00 P.M. was set for subject Public Works Committee meeting.

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The hour being 7:40 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). A 10-minute recess followed at 7:41 P.M.

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22. V 75-1, TORRANCE MENTAL HEALTH PARK, LTD. Request for a Variance to the off-street parking requirements to permit a 70-bed facility addition to an existing 99-bed acute psychiatric facility in the H-M-D zone at 3270 Lomita Boulevard.

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 advertised hearing on V75-1.

Noted was the Planning Commission recommendation for DENIAL of V 75-1, as was the comment of Planning Department Staff: "There is substantial justification in amending the Code to require psychiatric hospitals to provide one parking space for each two

beds. The provision of one parking space for each bed is obviously more than required for this type of hospital and the provision of one space for each three beds, as required for convalescent hospitals, does not consider the additional staffing required for a more intense operation. The Staff, therefore, recommends that the Off-Street Parking Ordinance be amended to provide one space for each two beds for psychiatric hospitals."

Representing the proponent, Mr. David Posley, 2416 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, expressed the hope that the Council would approve the Code revision recommended by Planning Department Staff, and would instruct the City Attorney to prepare an appropriate ordinance.

Concurrence with such a Code revision was indicated by the Council.

There being no one else present who wished to speak, Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to DENY V75-1, as recommended by the Planning Commission, and to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department re: amendment to the Off-Street Parking Ordinance for psychiatric hospitals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

The Council now returned to:

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. ORDINANCES A and B regarding Redbeam Problem - Use of Single Family Residences.

Staff presentation was made by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson who pointed out that the Building and Safety Director recommends that neither Ordinance "A" or "B" be adopted, that the Code be left as it presently exists because of the impracticality of enforcement; that Ordinance "A", recommended by the Planning Commission and Planning Director, establishes a waiver process; and that Ordinance "B" has been recommended by Redbeam Avenue homeowners.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

Present to reiterate objections of record were Mrs. Virginia Costantino, 22219 Redbeam Avenue; Mr. Bill Seckinger, 22414 Linda Drive; Mrs. Judy Markwell, 22223 Redbeam Avenue.

Mrs. Jean Seidman, 22228 Redbeam, noted, and concurred in, Daily Breeze publicity this date wherein the proposed ordinance was deemed unconstitutional. Mr. Tom Gallant, 16919 Yukon, had

likewise read the Daily Breeze "Letter to the Editor", and recommended that the proposed ordinance apply only to situations where the property owner is not a resident of the property.

An El Camino student (name unintelligible) who rents from Mrs. Haukenberry denied that there were any problems pertaining to noise, traffic, etc.

Mr. Louis Cardone, 22202 Redbeam, pointed out the possibilities of renting out campers and trailers also, enforcement difficulties, etc.

Mrs. Adeline Haukenberry stated that she is "the lady they are talking about -- I have lovely families and lovely people in these homes -- I'm not renting rooms individually in these homes. I really do not know what they are talking about; I believe it is jealousy and envy."

Mr. Lewis Martell, 22301 Susana, stated that the difficulty of enforcing such an ordinance should be of concern to the Council.

Mrs. Marguerite Rice, 22405 Linda Drive, reported on her difficulties as an adjacent resident to Mrs. Haukenberry.

Council discussion ensued, and concerns were expressed regarding wholesale rental of R-1 property, appropriate degrees of control, the rights involved, the varying contents of the proposed ordinances, etc. It was the ultimate consensus of the Council that this item should be referred to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee for further Staff/resident input.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to refer Item #19 to the Park, Recreation, and Community Development Committee to meet with Staff and all interested parties; hopefully, to arrive at a compromise solution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

In view of the absence of Councilman Wilson (chairman of the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee) during the above discussion, it was the direction of Mayor Miller that Councilman Uerkwitz serve as a Committee member, with Councilman Armstrong to be Acting Chairman.

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Considered by the Council at this time:

HEARING - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

23. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS #5 AND #6.

Mayor Miller advised that this is the time and place announced by the Council at its May 13, 1975 meeting, when and where any and all persons having any protests or objections to the proposed Underground Utility District may appear before the City Council of the City of Torrance and show cause why the subject area should not be designated an Underground Utility District.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil presented Affidavits of Publication and Mailing. Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED to receive and file; the motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

The June 9th communication, of record, from Mr. Frank J. Schiendler, Oriental Gardens, was read by City Clerk Coil. Noted by City Engineer Weaver was the additional information re: District #6 received this date, amending the report to reflect that there are no facilities owned by Pacific Telephone crossing the park, noting that there is a single telephone lead to the park building which lead must be converted at a cost of \$600 to the City (per June 17th letter).

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to receive and file the City Engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to speak for or against the designation of this area as an Underground Utility District.

Mr. Arthur Zollar, 1170 Los Altos, Long Beach, a property owner in District No. 5, expressed approval and appreciation of District No. 5 -- it will greatly improve and beautify the appearance of the City of Torrance.

There being no one else present who wished to speak, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 75-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING HICKORY PARK AND CERTAIN ADJACENT STREETS AS AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF POLES, OVERHEAD WIRES AND ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AREA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 77.1.21 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

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Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-117. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 75-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY BETWEEN MADISON STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO AIRPORT DRIVE AS AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF POLES, OVERHEAD WIRES AND ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AREA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 77.1.21 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-118. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to appropriate sufficient funds to meet the City's share of conversion costs from the Airport Fund for District #5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.):

35. Mayor Miller regretfully noted the completion of Mr. Dick Rossberg's term as president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, and expressed appreciation for his fine efforts throughout the year. Like appreciation to the Council and to Staff for their cooperation was conveyed by Mr. Rossberg.

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At 9:30 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages, and working conditions (Item #14) and Commissioner Attendance/Absenteeism (Item #25); these being proper subject matters for an Executive Session, per City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

The Council returned at 9:55 P.M.

ITEM #25:

Attendance/Absenteeism of Citizen Commissioners.

It was unanimously agreed to refer this matter to the City Manager's office.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

28. ORDINANCE re: Compensation Provisions.  
Local #1117

ORDINANCE NO. 2562

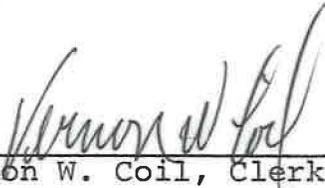
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART V OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1117 AND ADDING A NEW PART V TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2562 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the  
City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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City Council  
June 17, 1975