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Adjourned at 10:16 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 24, 1975, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. (It was necessary for Councilman Surber to leave the meeting at 8:30 P.M.)

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. John Alter led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Boyd Kifer, Church of the Nazarene, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of the minutes of May 27, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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.

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

No reports.

PRESENTATIONS:9. TORRANCE BEAUTIFICATION SCENE AWARDS - Summer, 1975.

Environmental Quality Commission Chairman, Gary Cramer, presented, with congratulations of both the Commission and the Council, the following Beautification Scene Awards for Summer, 1975:

Residential:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barrette  
22645 Ladeene Avenue

Commercial:

Acapulco Mexican Restaurant  
340 Vista del Mar

Industrial:

Kay Properties  
Meadow Park Redevelopment Area.

10. 1975 CIF AAA Baseball Champions - Bishop Montgomery High School Baseball Team.

Individual awards to these champions were presented by Councilman Armstrong, with commendation, on behalf of the Council.

11. DRAWING RE: UPCOMING TRIP TO KASHIWA, JAPAN - SISTER CITY.

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce ticket-selling activities to sponsor a student exchange program with Sister City Kashiwa, Japan culminated this date, with the honor of drawing the winning tickets conferred upon the Torrance City Council. Participating in selecting such winning tickets were Mayor Miller, Councilwoman Geissert, Councilmen Armstrong and Surber.

The appreciation of the Sister City Committee for the support of the Council, civic organizations, and citizens was expressed by Mr. Brian Bell.

COMMENDATION:

## 12. RESOLUTION commending Reverend and Mrs. Ray Ragsdale.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING REVEREND  
RAY W. RAGSDALE AND HIS WIFE ELEANOR  
FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
CITIZENS OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-119. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

COMMISSION MATTERS:13. CHANGE OF DATE FOR COMMISSION INTERVIEWS.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

In view of "dark date" on July 8th for the City Council, it is recommended that the Commission interviews be rescheduled for the Council meeting of July 22, 1975.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS.14. MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PARKING DISTRICT.RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That Council approve the first year estimated cost of \$13,000 for maintenance of the Parking District spaces in the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project, to be billed to the appropriate lot owners.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

This will work on a revolving account basis. Next year the billings will be based upon some actual cost experience plus or minus any excess or shortage from the \$13,000 charged for 1975-76.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:15. INTEREST DUE PAYMENT - CHARLES H. WILSON PARK.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That \$21,807 be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for interest due July 1, 1975 and July 1, 1976 on payments for the residual value of Charles H. Wilson Park.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Finance Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. AUTOMOBILE COMPREHENSIVE/FIRE & THEFT INSURANCE EXPIRING JULY 1, 1975.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City continue automobile physical damage insurance coverage with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for an annual premium of \$2,865.00.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of City Clerk Coil. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE  
EXPIRING JULY 15, 1975.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

The City Clerk recommends renewal of our present policy with American Home Assurance Company for \$2,000,000 excess of \$100,000 retention at the rate of \$.08 per \$100 of payroll. This represents an increase of \$.01 per \$100 of payroll and an increase in premium of \$2,750 over 1974-75. Lund Company, the City's Broker of Record, has waived the consultant fee for Excess Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

18. RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance of negotiable note in the amount of \$153,010, Redevelopment Agency financing.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TREASURER:

1. Authorize the payment of \$8,798.08 from the Community Redevelopment Agency administrative fund to provide the interest payment due.
2. Pass the subject Resolution which provides for the issuance of a new negotiable note in the amount of \$153,010.
3. Authorize the City Treasurer to transfer such funds as found to be necessary for the technical completion of the transaction.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING  
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$153,010.

It was noted by City Treasurer Rupert that interest rate to be incorporated in Resolution No. 75-120 is 4.75%, per negotiations with United California Bank.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendations of City Treasurer Rupert and for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-120. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING - 1975-76 CITY BUDGET.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the second hearing on the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 1975-76 fiscal year. It was ascertained from City Clerk Coil that there were no written communications nor protests.

There being no one present who wished to be heard, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

A resume of the Budget Workshop Sessions, and the resultant 1975-76 Budget, was provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

Discussion was directed to the Ocean Avenue School Site (Item 19A) with review of the June 24th communication (of record) by Assistant City Manager Scharfman. It was ultimately agreed to hold this matter until the July 1st Council meeting.

(It was necessary for Councilman Surber to leave the meeting during the above discussion, the hour being 8:30 P.M.)

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 75-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL  
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1975-76.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 75-121. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-121. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2563

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 225.1.17  
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING  
SENIOR CITIZEN REFUND AND ADDING NEW  
SECTIONS 225.1.17 TO 225.1.21 INCLUSIVE  
TO PROVIDE A SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTION  
FROM THE UTILITY USERS' TAX AND ESTABLISH-  
ING REGULATIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2563. His motion<sup>was</sup> seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2563 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 73-166 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO IN ORDER TO MODIFY RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 75-122. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-122. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Pat Tyrell expressed their approval of the format of the Budget Workshop Sessions, the informative role of Staff, and the extensive public involvement in the budget meetings. Mrs. Tyrell also expressed the League's hope that there will be reconsideration regarding the cut in Library services.

Councilman Uerkwitz noted that the hoped-for "no increase" budget did not materialize because of the disappointing fact that the increased Metropolitan Water District rates necessitated a like increase in Torrance water rates.

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that "on my part, you have just witnessed the biggest 'cop-out' I have ever pulled -- I swallowed my frustrations and concerns and simply voted 'no'. I have in front of me a six-page typewritten statement which I was going to make which deals with philosophy of government and about this budget, and the reasons I voted against it. But it just seemed to me that it would be pointless to read it - so I 'copped-out'."

Discussion returned to the Ocean Avenue School Site. A motion (later withdrawn) was offered by Councilman Armstrong: That Staff be directed to make the offer (per June 24th communication) to the School Board for the Ocean Avenue Site. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman reiterated the considerations surrounding the purchase of the Ocean Avenue Site, and noted the School Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 30th. Following extensive discussion by the Council, action was taken as shown below:

Councilman Armstrong withdrew the above stated motion that Staff make offer to School Board.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to continue the matter of the Ocean Avenue School Site to the Council meeting of July 1, 1975. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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MANPOWER MATTERS:20. LEASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR USE AS MANPOWER DIVISION OFFICES.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the subject lease which has been negotiated be entered into -- Property located at 1327 and 1331 Post Avenue in Downtown Torrance, owned by Daniel J. and Elizabeth E. Torrance; lease to extend from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976, at a monthly rent of \$325.00 which includes lights and water utilities.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-123

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 LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM DANIEL J. TORRANCE AND ELIZABETH E. TORRANCE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR USE AS OFFICES BY THE MANPOWER DIVISION OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-123. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the opinion of Councilmen Brewster and Uerkwitz that this needed space could be found in some area at City Hall rather than by way of the proposed quarters.

PARK AND RECREATION:21. DONATION RE: MADRONA MARSH STUDY.RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

1. That Council accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Friends of the Madrona Marsh. This \$1,000 then to be used by the City to finance the study by the UCLA students of the Institute of Evolutionary and Environmental Biology.
2. Approval of the Department entering into an agreement for the study with UCLA's Institute under Dr. Malcolm Gordon.
3. Approval of an allocation of \$300 from the Department Program Development Account to finance the mileage reimbursement for the study.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Park and Recreation Director. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

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

See Page 14.

23. RESOLUTION re: Older Workers Program under CETA.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES FOR OLDER WORKER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-124. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2562.

See Page 14.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

25. ZC 75-5, Wilcraft Development, Inc. Change of zone from C-2 to RTH on property located on the southeast corner of 190th Street and Entradero Avenue.  
RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject hearing, and following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

The proponent, Mr. Don Wilson, Jr., 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, reviewed the merits of the proposed condominium development, the uniqueness of the area, etc. Also present was Mr. Joseph Brown, Jr. representing the Carson Estates Company, who provided the background history of the commercial development in this area, and stated that "a close relationship between residential and retail commercial makes a lot of sense". In this case, the developer has designed this site plan with a lot of intelligence, per Mr. Brown.

Council discussion ensued regarding the subject area, RTH zoning per se, the previously approved R-3 development in same general area, the density factor, etc.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve a change of zone on ZC 75-5 from C-2 to RTH, per the proponent's request; further, that the General Plan be modified accordingly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, it was the request of Councilman Brewster that the Precise Plan be brought forward with the reading of the zoning ordinance. There were no objections, and Councilman Uerkwitz so AMENDED HIS MOTION, which was acceptable to Councilman Wilson who had seconded the motion.

The amended motion, approving a change of zone to RTH, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the further comment of Councilman Brewster that he can go along with the zoning based on the merits of the Precise Plan at hand in lieu of a Conditional Use Permit for residential development in the C-2 zone which would be allowable.

Further requested by Councilman Brewster was notification in the event that Planning Commission action is substantially different in the Precise Plan finally approved.

Councilwoman Geissert indicated that her negative vote was based on her opinion that this zoning is incompatible with the encroachment of the service station.

26. D 75-1, PLYWOOD MANUFACTURING OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Appeal of a Planning Commission condition of approval of a Division of Lot to create three parcels in the M-2 and A-1 zones on property located at the northwest corner of Del Amo Boulevard and Western Avenue.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

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 public hearing.

City Manager Ferraro advised that there are right-of-way problems at this location -- Mr. Dick Miller, Alter Realty, has agreed to a three-week continuance to July 15th in order that there may be resolution of said problems.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue D 75-1 to July 15th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Surber absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:27. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$1192.50 to Airport Nursery for 15 trees requested by the Street Department, Trees Division, as replacements.
2. \$2975.75 to Southern California Trophy Company for 312 service pin awards requested by the Personnel Department for various employees.
3. \$675.91 to Workrite Uniform Company for 15 S.W.A.T.-type uniforms as requested by the Police Department.
4. \$542.84 to Hydraulic Equipment Air Compressor Service for one only "Alemite" oil pump and motor requested on an emergency basis by the City Garage as a replacement.
5. \$376.63 to Johnson Stationers for one desk with side return requested by the Planning Department.
6. \$1505.72 to Zellerbach Paper Company for 125,000 sheets of various color and size N.C.R. paper requested by Central Services Division for printing requirements for various City departments.
7. \$1542.94 to Edgington Oil for 4,655 gallons of emulsion requested by the Street Maintenance Division for various City street jobs.
8. \$973.08 to Microbiz Company for 180 rolls of microfilm requested by the Library for filming.
9. \$446.10 to Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company for one roll (24" wide by 50 yards) of 3M silver scotch reflective sheeting requested by the Department of Transportation.
10. \$758.11 to Safeway Signs Company for 24 traffic control signs requested by the Department of Transportation for stock.
11. \$2659.50 to Union Oil Company of California for annual contract to supply transmission, gear and solvent oils "as requested" by the City Garage.
12. \$6833.00 to Texaco, Inc. for annual contract to supply motor and turbine oils and torque fluid "as requested" by the City Garage.

13. \$2220.00 to Western Bookbinding Company for 985 book-bindings "as requested" by the City Librarian.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

14. \$1038.05 to Motorola Communications for one only complete portable radio with attachments as requested by the Police Department in conjunction with the Federal Intruder Alarm Grant.
15. \$719.51 to Pollman Carpet Company to furnish and install carpeting in the Police Department's Communication Section which was damaged due to water pipe breakage. The City will be reimbursed via insurance coverage.

28. BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AT MADRID AVENUE (B75-24) JOB NO. 73126.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to McAmis Engineering, and all other bids be rejected.

29. SANITARY SEWER IN 232ND STREET W/O CABRILLO AVENUE (B75-13) JOB NO. 75172.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor.

30. AWARD OF CONTRACT for stationery supplies (B75-22)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve an award of contract to the following two companies (per bid of record):

\$8,055.64 to Inglewood Stationers for items #1-4, 9-13, 15, 16, 20-22, 24, 26-32, 34, 39-41, 44, 46, 48, 55, 60, 64-68, 76-78, 80, 85, 86, 90-97, 105, 107, 109-111, 113, 115-121, 123, 125-130, 132, 138, 139, 147-150, 155-158, 165, 166, 174, 176-181, 183, 187-189, 191-194, 202-208, 217-218, 222, 223, 230-240, 244-247.

\$10,626.30 to Bevco Stationers for items #5-8, 14, 17-19, 23, 25, 33, 35-38, 42, 43, 45, 47, 49-54, 56-63, 69-75, 79, 81-84, 98-104, 106, 108, 112, 114, 122, 124, 131, 134-137, 140-146, 151-154, 159-164, 167-175, 178, 182, 184-186, 190, 195-201, 209-216, 219-221, 224, 225, 228, 229, 241-243.

There were no bids on items #87-89 and 133.

31. CLAIM of William G. Kammerer, Sr. for property damages.
32. CLAIM of James A. Bell for property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claims on agenda items #31 and #32 be DENIED and referred to the City Attorney. The insurance carrier concurs with the above action.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and #32. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

33. RENEWAL OF AIRPORT/FIXED BASE OPERATOR'S LIABILITY POLICY - EXPIRING JULY 1, 1975.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City continue its present Airport Liability coverage with Monarch Insurance Company of Ohio with the unchanged annual premium of \$4,100.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

34. GENERAL AND AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY CLERK:

That the City Council refer the question of basic liability insurance to the Finance Committee for review of options, and that the Committee report back before the August 1, 1975 deadline.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Clerk; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to taking action on the above motion, Mr. William Brady, 22330 Hawthorne Boulevard, pointed out that there is an urgency involved with respect to the excess liability insurance requiring special attention because of the expiration of insurance coverages at midnight on Monday, June 30th. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson confirmed that the problem is a serious one, requiring in-depth review.

The "short notice" aspect of the matter was generally deplored by the Council-- the unexpected turn of events was described by Mr. Brady, as was his deep concern for the present situation. It was the consensus of the Council, per the recommendation of Councilman Brewster, that there be tentative approval, subject to Staff review, and the calling of a Special Meeting, if deemed necessary.

Councilman Wilson thereupon WITHDREW THE ABOVE MOTION, as did Councilman Armstrong who had seconded the motion.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to authorize the signing up on the excess liability insurance from \$100,000 to \$20 million, subject to the City Manager's approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to refer the question of the first \$100,000 coverage to the Finance Committee for a report

back before the August 1, 1975 deadline. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent). (Mayor Miller appointed Councilman Armstrong as a substitute for Finance Committee Member Surber who will be vacationing in July.) # # #

The hour being 8:47 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 Surber absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 8:50 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Councilman Wilson requested "appropriate recognition" for the Vikings Soccer Team, winners of the State championship and runners-up in the National championship.

36. The need for an excused absence by Councilman Surber up to August 8th was noted by Mayor Miller. Councilman Uerkwitz so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

37. The request of Planning Commissioner Stenhouse for excused absences from Commission meetings through July 10th because of business/vacation commitments was noted by Councilman Brewster who MOVED to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

38. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested Council approval of the hiring of Attorney Leonard Black to represent the City in the discharge case of Police Sergeant Brad Parsons in the Civil Service Commission hearing -- at \$60 per hour, not to exceed \$3000.00.

Councilman Brewster indicated his opposition to the request -- "I don't think Government has yet learned how to tighten its belt tight enough; there is always that feeling that it can go to the well, who is the taxpayer, and always try to do things first class. It just disturbs me."

The unique requirements for this particular type of legal representation were defined by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the request of the City Attorney to hire Leonard Black. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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ITEM #22 - EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The hour being 9:00 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to recess for an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages, and working conditions (this being a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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The Council returned at 10:15 P.M. to take the following action:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2562.

In view of typographical revisions Ordinance No. 2562 was presented for first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2562

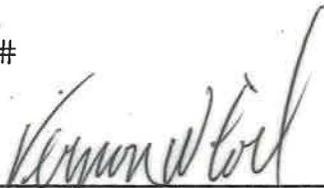
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART V OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1117 AND ADDING A NEW PART V TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE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

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

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

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:16 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary