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Adjourned at 9:40 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, July 29, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at 5:35 P.M. Absent: Councilman Surber.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Velma Shelbourn led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend George Johnson, Cathedral of Life Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of the minutes of July 1, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Surber absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Wilson moved that all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Surber 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 Councilman 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; Councilman Surber absent).

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8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

No reports.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION to vacate a portion of Park Street adjacent to Tract No. 32149.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF PARK STREET ADJACENT TO TRACT NO. 32149 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-150. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Councilman Surber absent).

10. RESOLUTION authorizing Summary Vacation of Park Street in conjunction with Tract No. 32149.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE EAST SIDE OF PARK STREET AT ITS SOUTHERLY TERMINUS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-151; his motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

11. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 32149.

Subdivider: Total Concepts Corporation

Engineer: Lanco Engineering

Location: Between Madison Street and Park Street, south
of Newton Street

No. of Lots: 50

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Tract Map No. 32149 be approved.

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

It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that Staff review the merits of arrangements whereby tree inventories could be established and such trees put to use by the City and its residents, in cases where land development necessitates the removal of large numbers of trees, as in the subject tract.

12. REPORT OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK, AND DRIVEWAYS PER SKETCHES ENTITLED CHAPTER 27, 1911 ACT (74-3, 74-4, 74-5, 74-6)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council set 7:00 P.M. on August 12, 1975, in the Council Chambers, Torrance City Hall, as the time and place for a hearing on the subject report of cost of construction.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

13. RESOLUTION re: agreement for purchase of property between the City and Laurence Walker.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-152

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 LAURENCE WALKER AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE BALANCE OF \$17,000.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-152. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: Bikeways Claim.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO FILE A BIKEWAYS CLAIM UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BICYCLE FACILITIES ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-153. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

15. PARKING PROBLEMS ON OCEAN AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

That the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for their review and subsequent report back to Council.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission. The motion was seconded

by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

16. RELOCATION OF PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING FROM CRENSHAW BLVD. AT 187TH PLACE TO PRAIRIE AVENUE AT 186TH STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: That the pedestrian overcrossing of Crenshaw Boulevard on the north side of 187th Street be relocated to crossing Prairie Avenue on the south side of 186th Street.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

City Manager Ferraro advised that there are no appropriations for the actual removal of the pedestrian overcrossing; it will be necessary to return to the Council later re: available funds.

Present to point out the urgency of the subject relocation, in view of the imminent opening of Prairie Avenue, were: Mrs. Helen Doyle, 18626 Yukon Avenue -- Ms. Sandra Bushell, West 184th Street, who pointed out the serious need for a Crossing Guard during the interim period -- and Ms. Mimi Seitz, 18431 Bailey Drive.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that the City Manager investigate and report back on the financial aspect of the overcrossing installation as well as the feasibility of Crossing Guard services.

17. ALIGNMENT OF 223RD STREET IN THE VICINITY OF CRENSHAW BLVD.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR/PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR: That Council adopt the "northerly" alignment of 223rd Street at its crossing of Crenshaw Boulevard, per Attachment #3, of record.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. ORDINANCE re: sale of obsolete personal property.

ORDINANCE NO. 2579

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 2
OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SALE OF
OBSOLETE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2579 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Surber).

19. RESOLUTION re: contract under Title I of CETA with State of California Employment Development Department for allowance payments.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-154

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 SUBGRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE PROGRAMS UNDER TITLE I OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-154. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

20. LIABILITY INSURANCE SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the City implement a Self-Insurance Program for general automotive and liability insurance for the first \$100,000 of liability.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK/CITY MANAGER:

That the City Manager be given authority to enter into a month-to-month renewable agreement with Kautz and Company to administer the subject plan. (Bus liability insurance included).

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to adopt the Finance Committee report and to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Clerk and City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

21. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY-TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY AND TORRANCE PUBLIC FACILITIES BUILDING CORPORATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That Council accept the offers of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and Reserve Insurance Company to provide general and auto and errors and omissions liability insurance for Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority and Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation for 1975-76 at a total cost of \$2,785 and approve an appropriation from the General Fund in this amount.

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

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MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-155

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 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TORRANCE SCREEN AND GLASS CO.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-155. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

23. RESOLUTION re: Torrance National Little League Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE LEASE DATED JULY 1, 1975, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR USE AS BALL PARK.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-156. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

24. RESOLUTION honoring District Director of Transportation Haig Ayanian on the occasion of his retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION HAIG AYANIAN, DISTRICT 7, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-149. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:25. ORDINANCE NO. 2572.ORDINANCE NO. 2572

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENFORCEMENT.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2572 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Surber).

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2573.ORDINANCE NO. 2573

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1 AND 17, DIVISION 2 AND REPEALING ARTICLE 30 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE PRESENTATION, AUDITING AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2573, second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2574.ORDINANCE NO. 2574

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF 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 REVISED PORTIONS TO PART V OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2574 at its second and final reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2575.

ORDINANCE NO. 2575

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

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2575 at its second and final reading. His 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.

29. ORDINANCE NO. 2576.

ORDINANCE NO. 2576

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART II OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 1138 IAFF AND ADDING A NEW PART II TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2576 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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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30. ORDINANCE NO. 2577.ORDINANCE NO. 2577

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

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2577 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2578.ORDINANCE NO. 2578

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST CORNERS OF WESTERN AVENUE AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 75-4.
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2578 at its second and final reading. 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: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (was not present at public
hearing).
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:32. ORDINANCE relating to terms of office of certain members of the Torrance Disaster Council.ORDINANCE NO. 2580

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.2.1

OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING
TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF CERTAIN MEMBERS
OF THE TORRANCE DISASTER COUNCIL.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2580 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

33. REPORT ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

Staff presentation was made by Assistant Planning Director Hagaman.

Council review of the July 24, 1975 report, of record, followed, and action was taken as reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the Staff recommendations: (1) That \$6,092 from the contingency fund be allocated to Planning and Management Activities for the Citizen Participation Program; and (2) That H.C.D. Staff be authorized to implement the Citizen Participation Program for the second year application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz (thinks the whole thing
is a boondoggle)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

RE: PROJECTS:

It was the request of City Engineer Weaver that Item 6 on Page 12 be deleted, because of the problems which could be presented by its incorporation in the Guidelines.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to delete Item 6 from the Guidelines, and for adoption of the Procedural Guidelines for Processing Financial Assistance for the Construction of Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks as otherwise written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Page 14 - Install Bikeways:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to approve subject project and to concur with Staff recommendation. Seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

Pages 15 and 16 - Sports Field Night Lighting:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendation that Park and Recreation Staff and Park and Recreation Commissioners reevaluate their alternatives on the basis of the

time constraints outlined in report, and submit their recommendations to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Pages 17 and 18 - Youth and Community Services Center:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations: (1) That Staff be directed to generate a Social Element scheme that includes provisions for services that speak to "People Needs"; (2) That Staff be directed to return to Council with a Detailed Program for a Social Element by the last Council meeting in August; and (3) That along with its Detailed Program, Staff include recommendations for reallocation of the monies approved for the Youth and Community Service Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

There was discussion prior to roll call vote on the motion. Councilwoman Geissert suggested that money be taken out of the first year Federal funding for the creation of a Staff position of Human Resources Coordinator -- this could be a pilot position which would run concurrently with the funding for the program, and would permit evaluation of the merits thereof. Concurrence in this recommendation was indicated by Mayor Miller, Councilmen Brewster and Wilson. Councilman Uerkwitz stated that he would require considerable additional Staff information in this regard.

Present, and in agreement regarding the need for a Human Resources Coordinator, were Mrs. Eleanor Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street and Mrs. Vivienne Jay, 205 Vista del Sol.

Roll call vote on Councilman Uerkwitz' above stated motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Page 19 - YWCA Child Care Service:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation that H.C.D. Staff present a contractual agreement to the Director of the Y.W.C.A. whereby the original plan is followed, but the Y.W.C.A. leases the van (\$1 year) and maintains and insures the vehicle at its own expense. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Page 20 - Human Needs Center:

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted that recommendations will be forthcoming regarding the exact techniques in this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation that Staff be allowed to require that a 10-year lease be obtained by the Human Needs Center before release of funds by the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Page 21 - Removal of Architectural Barriers - CurbModifications:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation that the City complete plans, specifications, and advertise for bids to construct wheelchair ramps at the locations of record. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Pages 22,23,24 - Handicap Parking Sites, Wheelchair Ramps, Handicap Bus Equipment:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendation that the Transportation Staff be allowed to alter the original allocation plans and include the funds in their U.M.T.A. grant application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Page 28 - Contingency Fund:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that \$96,658 be approved as the new Budget for the Contingency Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

34. FURTHER COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ADDING A PRECISE PLAN OVERLAY TO PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CALLE MAYOR AND ANZA AVENUE (ZC75-6)

Staff presentation was made by Assistant Planning Director Hagaman, with specific note of the fact that the subject property owner, Mrs. Lilyan Lynn, still does not wish a precise plan to be placed on the property.

Mrs. Lynn, 1208 Greenwood Avenue, reaffirmed her disagreement with a precise plan requirement on this property, for reasons of her substantial financial investment in the existing structure; and her reliance on the City's representation as to the proper zoning of the parcel -- the City Council, per Mrs. Lynn, "cannot effect their proposed zoning without creating a diminution in the value of the existing structure, or without creating an injustice in that such an action will create a severe hardship to me, and to the estate of Bert M. Lynn."

Council discussion was directed to the past history of the subject property; overall zoning and conditional use permit requirements; the effect of the Precise Plan on the property; future development considerations; like action in other areas of the City; C-1 and C-R height and setback requirements; etc.

It was the consensus of the Council that Mrs. Lynn likely would be more restrictive on herself, as a matter of principle, than would be required by the precise plan; further, a precise plan does not inhibit the value of property in terms of its use, and yet provides necessary "peace of mind" for all concerned.

The following action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve a change of zone on ZC 75-6 from C-1 to C-1 Precise Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Uerkwitz,
Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (in her opinion, C-R is
the proper zoning)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

35. SIGN REVIEW MATTERS:

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the Planning Commission handle all signing in the future.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That this matter be referred to a Council Committee.

Planning Commissioner Uyeda was present to elaborate on the feeling of the Commission that the matter of signs is very much a planning concern -- further, there would be a time-saving factor on the part of all interested parties.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to refer Item #35 to the Ad Hoc Committee on Commissions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

36. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE TAX AREA NO. 1
(Tentative Tract No. 26507)

Affidavits of Publication and Mailing were presented by City Clerk Coil, and they were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for hearing protests or objections against Resolution of Intention No. 75-135, providing special assessment proceedings for the maintenance of landscaping.

The Mayor then ascertained that there were no written protests or objections, and that there was no one present who wished to speak on this matter.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OVERRULING PROTESTS, ORDERING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND THE FORMATION OF AN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT, LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE TAX AREA NO. 1.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-157; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

There was discussion prior to roll call vote on the motion. Of concern to Councilwoman Geissert was the singling out of one area in the City for such an Assessment District -- this concern was shared by Mayor Miller and Councilman Uerkwitz. Mayor Miller recalled the previous dismal experience when it was attempted to form an Assessment District; in this case, the houses are not yet built, and the future owners have no voice in the public hearing this date -- hence such action would be premature and inequitable.

Speaking at this time were Marble Estates Homeowners Association representatives Jean McDonald and Henry Nowicki who indicated that they are still awaiting such landscaping for their area.

In support of the proposed Assessment District were Councilman Brewster who stated that there is a landowner (Mr. Battram) who will sell these homes with these conditions; Councilman Armstrong who felt that some step must be taken (whether a house is sold or not) to protect the City and the adjacent neighbors from the impact of this "no-man's area". It was the opinion of Councilman Wilson that the City will face great difficulty in the future if it is assumed that they can take care of all the special services of special groups throughout the City -- the subject area is a unique one, and should have the proposed Assessment District.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the Assessment District proceedings be terminated until the homes are occupied. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, but FAILED TO CARRY, by way of a tie vote, as follows:

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

The MAIN MOTION was amended by Councilman Brewster to state "with the maximum amount to be assessed at \$7500 for 1975-76." This was seconded by Councilman Wilson, but likewise FAILED TO CARRY, with a tie vote as follows:

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

Further action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that Staff be directed to come forward with alternatives for maintaining the landscaping when the tract has been established, along with appropriate cost figures. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered. (Absent: Councilman Surber).

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING AND ZONING:

37. APPEAL OF SUBDIVISION BILLBOARD REQUEST - (NW corner Hawthorne and Lomita Boulevards)

Staff presentation was made by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

Mr. Bill Wynn, General Outdoor Advertising, 5154 Rivergrade Road, Baldwin Park, stated that they were willing to rebuild the billboard to required specifications; post a cash bond with the City for whatever time period desired; and noted that this is their last remaining sign in the City of Torrance.

The history of the subject billboard was reviewed by the Council, and the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to DENY the appeal, request the billboard be removed, and that no consideration for a billboard be given at this location. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Councilman Brewster confirmed that this was a qualified site for a billboard, and then offered the following SUBSTITUTE MOTION: To concur with Staff Recommendation #2 - "Deny the specific appeal without prejudice which could allow the proponent to resubmit application for a new billboard, subject to any desired conditions, with or without further review by the Environmental Quality Commission." The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and carried, as follows:

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

It was the direction of the Council that there would be a 90-day time limit on the current sign -- this would give the proponent time to process the new application.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:38. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$508.34 to Armalite Corporation for two only "Armalite" combat rifles requested by the Police Department.
2. \$522.58 to California Electronic Police Equipment Company for one each special (anti-sniper) rifle and scope plus tear gas gun; and two pairs binoculars requested by the Police Department.
3. \$311.81 to Fram Corporation for various size air conditioning filters as requested by the Building and Safety Department.
4. \$392.46 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for various tire repair and recapping services as required by the City Garage.
5. \$3,086.72 to Norton Electric Wholesale Mart for 64 only lighting visors as requested by the Park and Recreation Department for installation on the Las Canchas Racquet Club lighting standards.
6. \$1,926.00 to James Jones Company for 90 water pipe repair service saddles as requested by the Water Dept.
7. \$312.70 to Firstco for twenty cases of wiping paper towels as requested by the Custodial Department.
8. \$523.64 to United Industrial Supply for various sizes of hydraulic hose and fittings as requested by the City Garage.
9. \$436.10 to Nixon-Egli Equipment Company for one only replacement rear broom shaft for a Mobile Street Sweeper as requested by the City Garage.
10. \$1,072.05 to Crown Coach Corporation for miscellaneous repair services to Fire Engines #1, #4, and #7, as requested by the Fire Department.
11. \$385.42 to National Electronics Card Company for business licenses and business license renewal notices as requested by the License Division.
12. \$680.52 to Alexander Manufacturing Company for replacement batteries for portable radio equipment and pocket pages as requested by the Department of Transportation.
13. \$511.34 to Utility Industrial Company for a variety of field work tools as requested by Warehouse and Stores for stock.

14. \$922.20 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 100 only water meter boxes as requested by the Water Department for water service.
15. \$2,292.78 to Ernst Distributing Inc. for 7,000 gallons of #2 diesel fuel as required by the City Garage.
16. \$681.63 to Green Thumb Gardens for miscellaneous ground cover plants requested by the Park Services Division for use at various parks and at the Civic Center.
17. \$640.98 to Sacom/TPE Company for miscellaneous repair parts to repair the Police Central Radio Console System as requested by the Department of Transportation/Communications Division.
18. \$474.88 to Utility Industrial Supply Company for 4,200 feet of nylon rope as requested by the Department of Transportation/Airport Division for use in tiedown of aircrafts.
19. \$733.63 to Noland Paper Company for miscellaneous colored paper requested by the Central Services Division for printing City forms and documents.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

20. \$308.13 to Park-Son Inc. for one each 6" water valve and 8" tapping sleeve as requested by the Water Department for installation at the Marie Callender's service. Payment has already been received.

39. FINAL PARCEL MAP 5719.

Subdivider: Sam Barrescia
 Engineer: Winchell Surveying Company
 Location: Benner Court n/o 232nd Street
 No. of Lots: 2

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That street dedication for Benner Court be accepted and Final Parcel Map 5719 be approved.

40. MAIN RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT - Torrance Municipal Airport.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION/CITY

ENGINEER: That Council appropriate \$59,000.00 from the Special Aviation Fund and \$40,000.00 from the Airport Fund to cover project costs. Further, that the contract be awarded to Ted R. Jenkins Company, Inc., and that all other bids be rejected.

41. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Crushed Rock, CRB, Rock and Sand - Ref. Bid #B75-34. Expenditure: \$40,598.00

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid from Chandlers Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Company, and approve of an award in the

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amount of \$40,598 including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #38, 39, 40, and #41. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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The hour being 9:10 P.M., Councilman Wilson 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 9:11 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. City Clerk Coil noted the need of Water Commissioner Albert Dumont for an excused absence from the August 21st meeting of the Commission. Mayor Miller so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong -- there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

43. Councilman Armstrong congratulated Police Chief Nash and his department for the reduced crime rate figures; the reduced pedestrian accident rate.

Further noted by Mr. Armstrong was the additional kudo for the City by way of two citations in the issue of the National Commission on Productivity and Work Quality.

44. Councilman Brewster reported on the status of the RTD "Park-and-Ride" project. Also reviewed by Mr. Brewster were the political pressures surrounding the "Section 5" monies -- it was agreed that City Manager Ferraro and Mayor Miller would contact Supervisor Hayes in this regard.

45. Councilwoman Geissert reported on the recent meeting pertaining to the inadequacy of the EIS on development of off-shore oil, and the resultant decision to request City Councils' approval to join in litigation to hold off on the October leasing date until some of these questions have been answered.

Further clarification was provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer regarding the subject litigation, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Council instruct City Attorney Remelmeyer to join with the other concerned cities in this particular litigation, at a cost of approximately \$333; also, to join with the Attorney General should he institute such action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

46. Councilwoman Geissert requested a report from Legislative Advocate Rupert regarding the current interest and activity relative to splitting off from Los Angeles County.

47. The resignation of Mr. Ed Mehler as Coordinator for the South Bay Steering Committee, Corridor Study, was noted by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the request for "appropriate recognition" for Mr. Mehler. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

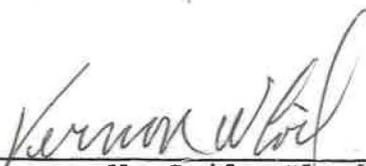
48. The flooding of sprinklers in the vicinity of Sepulveda and Anza was reported by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the request for Staff investigation.

49. Councilman Wilson referred to recent communication from Board of Supervisors regarding community redevelopment agencies, and requested a report from Staff as to whether or not the City should support County legislation in this regard.

50. Mr. Ed Chevalier, 1872 West 186th Street, representing Torrance Junior All-American Youth Football Association, requested review of their need for playing fields and lighting. Mayor Miller referred this matter to City Manager Ferraro.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:40 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

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