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Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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September 30, 1975

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, September 30, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mrs. Rosalie Woodward led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Edward Hughes, Walteria Assembly of God, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 1975 and September 2, 1975, as recorded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz abstained re: September 2nd minutes in that he was not present on that date).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved that after the City Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Parks, Recreation and Community Development:

Report re: Fine Arts Commission being amended and will be forthcoming to the Council at a later date. Discussion was then directed, out of order, to:

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COMMISSION MATTERS:13. APPROPRIATION FOR 1975 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES - FINE ARTS COMMISSIONRECOMMENDATION OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

That Council authorize an expenditure of \$949 from the Unappropriated Reserve to cover printing costs for a Torrance Inter-Arts Festival brochure, the printing of programs for the several events and the payment of a royalty fee to perform the plan "U.S.A." (royalty of \$150).

Councilman Wilson elaborated on the Committee findings regarding the above request, and urged Council approval of same, subject to City Attorney approval. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that the subject request was a perfectly legal one; however, there could be concern regarding potential liability that might arise from an apparent sponsorship of such a program by the City. It was the further comment of Mr. Remelmeyer that the Fine Arts Commission should not be doing executive or managerial work, in that this Commission is a recommending body to the City Council, and sponsorship decisions should be left to the Council.

It was agreed to hold further discussion on this matter until later in the meeting. See Page 3.

INTRODUCTION:

8. MRS. ERNIE CHAPA, recipient of annual award of California Garden Clubs, Inc. for outstanding achievement - Madrona Marsh Display.

Mayor Miller presented the trophy in recognition of this achievement to Mrs. Chapa, with appropriate congratulations.

PRESENTATION:

9. TILE PLAQUE TO ROSALIE WOODWARD for her service on the Planning Commission.

Presentation was made by Mayor Miller, with grateful acceptance by Mrs. Woodward.

Taken at this time, out of order:

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation for services rendered by L.A. Chapter, American National Red Cross, Southern District Service Center, on their tenth anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS,

SOUTHERN DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
COMPLETION OF ITS LOCAL RED CROSS SERVICE
CENTER SERVING THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-196. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Robert Morris accepted same, on behalf of the Red Cross.

10. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Naomi McVey.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
TO NAOMI McVEY FOR HER FAITHFUL SERVICE
TO THE PEOPLE OF TORRANCE

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-197. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 10A. PRESENTATION by Department of Rehabilitation.

Ms. Sue Bregmann, representing the Department of Rehabilitation, presented an Award of Merit to the City of Torrance for its service in working with handicapped students in job placements. Mayor Miller accepted, with appreciation, on behalf of the City.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - October 5-11, 1975.
12. TORRANCE PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT WEEK.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

13. APPROPRIATION FOR 1975 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES -
FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Discussion from Page 2 resumed. Councilman Wilson reaffirmed his support of the financial request of the Fine Arts Commission, as did City Attorney Remelmeyer his concern regarding the possible City liability. It was added by Mr. Remelmeyer that in the event an expenditure of money is approved there should be some type of disclaimer executed.

Previous funds allocated the Fine Arts Commission was noted, as were the time constraints now faced; the absence of formal request for funds at Budget Workshop Sessions; the need for providing clarification to the Commission re: established procedures; etc. It was the general consensus that approval of an appropriation for printing fees would be in order.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to approve a sum not to exceed \$500 for the printing of the subject brochure, subject to City Attorney review and approval as to form and content, disclaimer, protection from liability, etc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Miller commented on the past confrontations with the Fine Arts Commission in terms of money -- such future requests should occur at budget hearings. The Mayor indicated that he would be opposed to any more last minute requests from this group.

PUBLIC WORKS:

14. RESOLUTION re: License Agreement with Shell Oil Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SHELL OIL COMPANY TO CROSS CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-198. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. RESOLUTION re: License Agreement with Mobil Oil Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MOBIL OIL CORPORATION TO CROSS CERTAIN CITY STREETS TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-199. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. FLAGLER LANE EXTENSION - Addendum #2 to the final Environmental Impact Report.

RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

That the City Manager's September 26, 1975 communication to Mr. I.L. Morhar, Road Commissioner, be forwarded to the County Road Department in response to their requests

for comments on "Addendum No. 2 to the Final Environmental Impact Report" on the subject project.

Councilman Brewster reported the deliberations of the Public Works Committee relative to the Flagler Lane problem, and their specific findings regarding the subject item. -- i.e. the environmental analysis has been found lacking and not fully responsive to a complete and total environmental impact study.

It was the request of Mayor Miller that the City Manager's letter also go forward to Supervisor Hayes.

Mr. Herb Sarkisian, 19326 Tomlee Avenue, indicated concurrence with the communication to Mr. Morhar, although it could be somewhat stronger. It was the suggestion of Mr. Sarkisian that a sentence be added, stating "In view of the above, the improvement of the Prospect Avenue/Flagler Lane route, between Aviation Boulevard and Beryl Street, as proposed, is not acceptable to the City of Torrance."

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved for adoption of the Committee report, with no objections to the recommended "stronger language". The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:17. CONTRACT INCREASE FOR WILLDAN & ASSOCIATES, ENGINEERS.RECOMMENDATION OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

That the City Council approve an increase in the agreement with Willdan & Associates in the amount of \$10,971.02, as shown on the itemized statement, and that such increase be taken from the present Contingency Fund established for the project; provided that Willdan & Associates accept this offer of increase as final payment and settlement of all claims for the increase on the Walteria Reservoir Tennis Complex.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:18. RESOLUTION re: Cooperative Agreement for disbursement of State Transportation Planning Funds.RESOLUTION NO. 75-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH BAY CORRIDOR STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (FY 74-75)

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-200. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

19. RESOLUTION re: extension of contract with El Camino Junior College District for charter bus services.RESOLUTION NO. 75-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL CAMINO JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt Resolution No. 75-201. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. PROCEDURE FOR RENTAL OF CITY-OWNED HANGARS.

Councilman Uerkwitz noted the pending report from the Transportation Committee in this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to hold Item #20 for one week, to be considered with Transportation Committee report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75-202

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 OMICRON ENGINEERING, INC., TORRANCE STEEL WINDOW COMPANY, TORRANCE ALUMINUM WINDOW COMPANY, INC., CONTINENTAL PRINTING COMPANY, AUTO DYNAMICS COMPANY, AND HODES OPTICAL COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-202. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

22. DONATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FROM RUSTIC LANE CLUB, INC.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

That the donation of a piece of playground equipment, a metal slide, be accepted and that thanks be expressed to the Rustic Lane Club, Inc.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. ORDINANCE - Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association Memorandum of Understanding.

ORDINANCE NO. 2603

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART IV OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR MID MANAGERS,

ADDING A NEW PART IV TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION
1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING
TO THE SAME SUBJECT

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2406 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

24. ORDINANCE re: Deputy Fire Chief - Hours, Wages, and Working Conditions.

ORDINANCE NO. 2606

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.142.2
DEALING WITH BENEFITS AND WORKING CONDITIONS
FOR DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2606 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

25. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR POLICE OFFICER.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council join the City Manager in interpreting the high school graduation, wherever it exists in class specifications in the City of Torrance, as meaning a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate, and that the City Council direct the Civil Service Commission to use this interpretation when preparing bulletins for advertising job openings.

Representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, Officer Phil Joseph stated that they do not concur with either the Civil Service Commission nor the City Manager -- in their opinion, anyone entering the police service at this time should have at least an A.A. or the equivalent of two years in college. Councilman Surber indicated his concurrence with this opinion.

Council discussion ensued, it being the general consensus that the City Attorney's Opinion that "the City must give equal status and validity to a high school equivalency certificate issued by the State of California vis-a-vis a high school diploma" leaves little choice.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ELECTION MATTERS:

26. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION March 2, 1976.

City Clerk Coil indicated that he had revised his original recommendation to concur with that of the City Manager that Martin and Chapman personnel be utilized at a cost of \$100 (Per Item E as revised below).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

- A. That precincts for the General Municipal Election to be held March 2, 1976, be consolidated on a two-to-one ratio (with a few exceptions).
- B. That the City pay the following fees to election officers and polling place owners: \$21 for inspectors, \$18 for judges and clerks, and \$17 for polling places.
- C. That the City Council authorize the use of the County's automatic voting devices for the General Municipal Election.
- D. That the polls be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M.
- E. That the City use the County's CES Ballot Tabulator (BMX System), that transportation of the equipment be provided by City equipment and personnel, that programming be provided by Martin & Chapman, and that the equipment be operated by personnel from Martin & Chapman, all for a total estimated cost of \$1095.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2592.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 74-3.3
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING
FOR THE DEDICATION OF STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2592 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2604.

ORDINANCE NO. 2604

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS

OF SECTION 97.2.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEES DESCRIBED THEREIN CONFORM TO SECTION 33.13.1 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2604 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. RESOLUTION - Red Cross.

See Page 2.

30. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE DELEGATE - LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CONFERENCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City Council designate a voting representative (if the Mayor cannot attend) and an alternate voting representative for the business sessions of the annual League of California Cities Conference to be held in San Francisco, October 19-22, 1975.

Both Mayor Miller and alternate, Councilman Surber, indicated that they would be in attendance at the subject Conference.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the established arrangement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

31. RESOLUTION re: V 75-4, First Pentacostal Church.

Planning Director Shartle specifically noted the revised version re: Section 1 of the subject resolution, which incorporates the findings of the Council.

RESOLUTION NO.: 75-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY THE FIRST PENTACOSTAL CHURCH, IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 75-4

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-203, revised version of Section 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE GENERAL PLAN - LAND USE ELEMENT AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

If the City Council concurs with the contents of the September 25th communication, the Planning Commission should be directed to:

1. Hold public hearings on amendments and modifications to the Land Use and Circulation Elements of the General Plan as indicated by the previously approved Planning cases; and
2. Establish a procedure for future amendment and review of the General Plan elements.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

33. D 75-16, LEO AND NAN SALISBURY: Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a Division of Lot to create three parcels in the R-1 zone on property located at 25804 Matfield Drive (between Matfield Drive and Nearcliff Street).

A. Letters of protest from James Archer and Roger Lavoix.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing. Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, it being noted that the Planning Department recommends approval while the Planning Commission voted for denial of D 75-16.

The proponent, Mr. Leo Salisbury, reviewed the past history of the subject property pertaining to lot split requests.

There being no other speakers, Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller noted the "total confusion" which has surrounded this case and which has been enhanced by passing years and the new faces of Councilmembers and Staff. In view of what appears to be an earlier commitment by the City, the Mayor must support the recommendation of the Planning Department for a 3-lot lot split.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department for approval of D 75-16, subject to conditions, and with the finding that this action is consistent with the General Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. TT 26854, Wilcraft Development, Inc. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a Tentative Tract Map to allow construction of a 43-unit townhouse complex in the C-2 zone on property located at the southeast corner of 190th Street and Entradero Avenue.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject public hearing. Staff clarification was provided by Planning Director Shartle, with specific note of the added department condition #10: "That no final map shall be approved or recorded unless and until it is consistent with the General Plan."

Mr. Don Wilson, Jr. was present and indicated concurrence with Mr. Shartle's presentation.

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

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department for approval of TT 26854, subject to conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

35. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$1,657.84 to Up-Right Scaffolds Company for the purchase of one only heavy duty portable scaffold requested by the Building Maintenance Division for maintenance work.
2. \$519.40 to W.W. Norton & Company for a one-year subscription to their advanced copy release of new publications.
3. \$848.23 to Dearth Machinery Company for miscellaneous repair street sweeper parts as requested by the City Garage.
4. \$386.46 to A.B.C. Nursery for miscellaneous ground cover plants as requested by the Park Services Division.
5. \$691.73 to Kirst Pump & Machine Works for necessary repairs to one 3-inch water pump requested by the Water Department.
6. \$315.84 to Associated of Los Angeles for flashlights as requested by the Fire Department for field safety use.
7. \$1,046.38 to South Bay Business Forms for the printing of various Fire Department reporting forms as requested by the Fire Department.
8. \$404.68 to Indicator Controls Corporation for one only illuminated "No Right Turn on Red" sign, as requested by the Department of Transportation.

9. \$406.99 to Adeles of Hollywood for one complete Santa Claus outfit, as requested by the Recreation Department as a replacement suit.
10. \$1,378.00 to Vermont Lumber for the purchase of 12-foot wood sign post required for mounting traffic control signs as requested by the Department of Transportation.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

11. \$2,833.38 to Hersey Products for one only Hersey water meter as requested by the Water Department for installation at the K.D. Fechner Company water service. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.

36. AWARD OF CONTRACT with County of Los Angeles -
Annual Expenditure: \$165,000.00 - Re: Shell Oil Company.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the City of Torrance continuing to participate on L.A. County's "Cooperative Agreement" for bulk delivered gasoline with the Shell Oil Company until June 30, 1976. Annual Expenditure is expected to be \$165,000.00 per year.

37. CONSTRUCTION OF CATCH BASIN AND CONNECTOR PIPE ON DE PORTOLA PARK'S NORTHERLY BOUNDARY NEAR TANDEM WAY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That Council appropriate \$25,000 from the funds available for De Portola Park - Phase I Construction for drainage facilities at the north park boundary.
2. That Council authorize the modification of the City's contract with City Construction Company to provide for the construction of the catch basin and connector pipe at the north park boundary in the vicinity of Tandem Way at a maximum cost of \$1,860.25.
3. That the Engineering Department be instructed to proceed with bidding procedures for the construction of the swale and block wall along the northerly boundary of the park.

38. CLASSIFICATION REPORT on Classification Study of position of Administrative Analyst in Street Department.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council adopt the reallocation of one position of Administrative Analyst to the class of Administrative Specialist, to be filled in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations. Further, that incumbents in other positions in the class of Administrative Analyst or Administrative Specialist continue in their respective permanent, probationary, or temporary Civil Service status.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #35, 36, 37, and #38. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

39. ORDINANCE re: ZC 75-5, Wilcraft Development, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 2607

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 AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF ENTRADERO AVENUE AND 190TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 75-5 (Wilcraft Development, Inc.)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2607 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

40. PUBLIC HEARING - Construction of Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks and Driveways on Cypress Street, 231st Street, Santa Fe Avenue, 236th Street and 171st Street, under provisions of Chapter 27, 1911 Act (Projects No. 75-3, 75-4, 75-5, 75-6 and 75-7)

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) Projects No. 75-3, 75-4, 75-5, 75-6 and 75-7 on Cypress Street, 231st Street, Santa Fe Avenue, 236th Street, and 171st Street.

City Engineer Weaver confirmed that notice was mailed and posted, and advised that no written protests had been received.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard in this matter. Mrs. June Casey who resides at the corner of 229th and Cypress noted that her property is 2 ft. wider than the rest of the street which is required for dedication, plus the cost of improvements -- further, the proposed sidewalk will necessitate the removal of a block wall. City Engineer Weaver advised that a design will be provided which will put the sidewalk away from the block wall so that the wall will not be disturbed. Mr. Weaver also indicated that the matter has been resolved in such a manner as to eliminate the need for dedication.

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.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to direct the City Engineer to proceed with Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) Projects No. 75-3, 75-4, 75-5, 75-6 and 75-7. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The hour being 7:20 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 7:21 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41. City Manager Ferraro extended good wishes to Councilman Uerkwitz on his forthcoming eye surgery.

42. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

43. Councilwoman Geissert referred to recent correspondence pertaining ^{to} problems presented by dogs and their bathroom activities in residential neighborhoods.

It was the recommendation of Mrs. Geissert that this matter be reviewed by the Environmental Quality Commission, with the idea of a "public relations approach". There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

44. Attorney Sherman Stacy, 433 North Camden Drive, Beverly Hills, representing various Torrance beach-front property owners, requested Council support before the State Coastal Commission in their efforts to have the Torrance beach-front property removed from the proposed State Acquisition Plan.

Next noted by Mr. Stacy was the public hearing in this matter to be held in San Francisco on October 1st, and the support of the City of Torrance would be very significant on this occasion.

It was the unanimous consensus of the Council that the requested support would be in order -- further, that the City Attorney prepare an appropriate resolution, and that a representative from the City Attorney's office attend the October 1st session.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to take the appropriate steps in conveying the Council's views to the State Coastal Commission, which would authorize travel to San Francisco for City Attorney's representative. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 7:45 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Council returned at 8:10 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Attorney be authorized to continue to employ the services of Richard Riemer and Ralph Nutter, attorneys at law, to aid in the litigation between the City and Fujita Corporation USA, as to Madrona Avenue and 235th Street (City of Torrance v. Starlite Estates, Garnier and Santa Fe Land Improvement Company; City of Torrance v. Superior Court, Fujita Corporation USA, Real Party in Interest) with fees not to exceed a combined total of \$50,000; and declares that the employment of Messrs. Riemer and Nutter for such purpose was previously directed by this City Council, and that such employment, together with any fees paid by the City therefor, is hereby ratified and approved. Further, that the City Manager make a determination as to what funds these monies should be paid from.

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

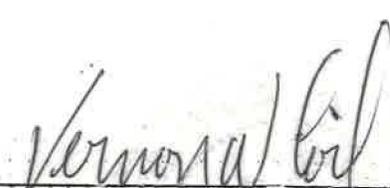
(Councilman Brewster stated that this would be the last time he will vote for this kind of expenditure.)

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Council approve the proposed letter to the Fair Employment Practices Commission from John Gregory, Personnel Manager, dated September 29, 1975, concerning the case of Judith Nemeth. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

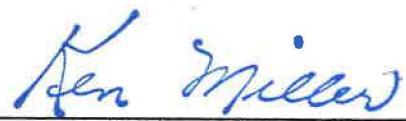
AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Surber, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Uerkwitz.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:15 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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