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Adjourned at 7:50 P.M. to October 28, 1975 at 6:30 P.M.

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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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, October 21, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

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

4. INVOCATION:

Ms. Pat Beymer, Torrance YMCA, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of September 23, 1975 as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

(Note: The September 23rd minutes should be amended to reflect the following: Item 22, Page 11 - "MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendations; further, that Staff be authorized to proceed with 'start up' activities re: a 312 Housing Rehabilitation Program.")

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 (Councilman Surber absent).

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Charter Review Committee:

Will next meet on October 30th at 5:00 P.M.

Finance Committee:

Quarterly budget review will be presented on November 12th.

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Assistant City Manager Scharfman introduced Mrs. JoAnne May, newly appointed Administrative Assistant -- a warm and approving welcome was extended by the Council.

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PROCLAMATION:

8A. ST. JUDE'S WALK-BIKE-A-THON DAY - October 26, 1975

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

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Mayor Miller granted personal privilege to Councilman Uerkwitz at this time whereupon Mr. Uerkwitz announced that he will not seek reelection as Councilman in the next election -- his reasons were his long standing firm belief in a two-term maximum for public office, additional professional responsibilities, and the desire to permit qualified candidates to map their campaigns well in advance of the March election.

Councilman Uerkwitz commended his fellow Councilmembers for their dedicated service, and deemed the past eight years on the Council a privilege and a pleasure. The Mayor and Councilmembers expressed praise for Mr. Uerkwitz' contributions to the Council and the City, and lauded this manner of announcement.

PRESENTATION:

8. THE QUARTERLY BEAUTIFICATION SCENE AWARD - Fall, 1975.

On behalf of Chairman Cramer, Torrance Environmental Quality Commission, Building and Safety Director McKinnon presented the following Beautification Scene Awards:

Residential Land Use:

Mr. George Cree, 21706 Talisman Street

Commercial Land Use:

North Torrance Shopping Center, 4840-5020 190th Street
(Business Properties, Inc.)

Industrial Land Use:

General Telephone Company, 22715 Hawthorne Boulevard.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:9. FINAL ACCEPTANCE - Fire Station No. 3RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the work as being complete, and approve final payment and change orders so that a Notice of Completion may be filed with the County Recorder's Office.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:10. RESOLUTION re: contracting with R.L. Kautz and Company for safety inspection services.RESOLUTION NO. 75-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT FOR PROVIDING A SAFETY ASSISTANCE LIABILITY CONTROL PROGRAM

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-216. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

MANPOWER MATTERS:11. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Program.RESOLUTION NO. 75-217

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 CROWN BODY AND FENDER COMPANY AND OMEGA ESCROW SERVICE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-217. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:12. RESOLUTION supporting and endorsing AB 997RESOLUTION NO. 75-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO SUPPORT AND ENDORSE

THE CALIFORNIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECREATION PROGRAM BILL AB 997 (Z'berg) AND REQUESTING ASSEMBLYMEN AND SENATORS REPRESENTING TORRANCE GIVE THE BILL FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION IN THE LEGISLATURE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-218; the motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

13. RESOLUTION approving contract for landscape architectural services.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST SAID CONTRACT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-219. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

See Page 9.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2609.

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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 NORTH SIDE OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 300 FEET WEST OF MADRONA AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 75-9
(Charles T. Rippy, Jr.)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2609 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Verkowitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

16. V 75-5, SALVATION ARMY. Variance of the Code requirements for the M-L (M-1,PP) zone on property located at the northwest corner of Emerald and Earl Streets to allow the construction and operation of a community services facility.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:18. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$363.05 to G. K. Hall & Company for "LARGE PRINT" library books as requested by the City Librarian.
2. \$717.89 to James E. Perry Company for United States and Bicentennial flags.
3. \$2,460.00 to Hart Air Conditioning and Heating to furnish and install an exhaust system in the Police Pistol range as required by the Los Angeles County Health Department.
4. \$864.05 to GMC Truck and Coach for replacement factory GMC bus repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
5. \$1,815.28 to Heads Excelsweld Company for miscellaneous engine and engine-head repair services as requested by the City Garage for various City Trucks.
6. \$553.86 to Smith & Hartford Custom Coach to perform necessary bus repairs as required by the City Garage on city bus unit #345 which was involved in an accident. (Note: Billing back to responsible party is in process.)
7. \$1,515.80 to Monarch Brooms to furnish 4000 pounds of street sweeper gutter wire used to make gutter brooms as bid in Bid #B75-50 as requested by the Street Department.
8. \$3,145.23 to Olin Corporation for a contract to furnish ammunition for the Police Department in accordance with our "Cooperative Purchase Program" with the State of Calif.
9. \$724.09 to Burmah Oil & Gas to furnish motor oil as required by the Fire Department.
10. \$2,100.00 to Teledyne Post Company to renew our annual contract for engineering supplies "as required" by the Engineering Department.
11. \$510.92 to Coast Envelope Company for a contract to furnish envelopes required by our Business License Division.

19. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - Planning TechnicianRECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER:

The revised class specification has been reviewed and concurred in by the Planning Department and employee organization. We hereby recommend that your honorable body adopt the revised class specification.

We further recommend that incumbents in the current class of Planning Technician continue in their respective permanent, probationary or temporary status in the revised class of Planning Technician.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That the revised class specification for Planning Technician be approved.

20. CLAIM of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Malnar for personal damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the above claim 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 #18, 19 and #20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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The hour being 6:05 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 6:10 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

21. Mr. Bob Allan, Los Angeles Times reporter now assigned to the Council, was introduced by City Manager Ferraro.

22. The appointment of Councilwoman Geissert as a delegate to the State Air Resources Task Force was announced by City Manager Ferraro, as was her election as vice chairman of that Task Force.

23. The date of October 25th marks the 27th year with the City of Torrance for its illustrious Police Chief, Don Nash, per City Manager Ferraro -- this news met with a united "wow".

24. City Manager Ferraro reported on a pending proposal to add to the Del Amo Shopping Center in the general area of the present White Front Store, and the desire of these representatives to meet with an Ad Hoc Committee of the Council to discuss the feasibility of using a State Redevelopment Project.

The request met with the approval of the Council -- Ad Hoc Committee members appointed were: Councilmembers Geissert, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. The date of November 6th was set for the first meeting.

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25. Review of procedures regarding the use of all major faiths for the invocation was requested by Councilman Armstrong -- further, that the invocations be non-partisan in nature.
26. Councilman Brewster requested a brief report on the status of the All-American City application.
27. "Appropriate recognition" for Steve Laitin, winner of the California State Championship in Soccer Skills, was requested by Councilman Brewster.
28. Concern regarding the traffic problems at the intersection of Entradero and Del Amo, and Transportation Department review of same, was requested by Councilman Brewster.
29. Councilwoman Geissert reported on the continuing inquiries regarding the fact that the Recreation Center is not available on weekends, and the hardships created thereby. Staff review of this situation was requested by Mrs. Geissert.
30. Appropriate recognition for Mr. Bill Rempel, Los Angeles Times reporter who previously covered the Council meetings, was requested by Councilman Uerkwitz.
31. The purpose of the "grading stakes" on Riviera hillside property in the vicinity of Vista Largo was questioned by Councilman Uerkwitz. Clarification was provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon in that this is staking for property line, and that no construction could take place without the public hearing process.

Councilwoman Geissert noted the pending opinion from the Attorney General relative to the validity of the original subdivision of this property -- Deputy City Attorney Freeman stated that a reply is expected in the near future.

32. Councilman Wilson noted the petition from North Torrance residents regarding the "Sit and Sip" facility at 182nd and Crenshaw, and the problems reported -- Police Chief Nash advised that a report has been made to the City Manager as to what has been done. This report will be provided Councilmembers.

33. Mr. Ron Miller, 2705 West 235th Street, president, Torrance High School Press Club, reported on their essay contest, with winners to participate in a "Day with City Government" on November 18th. Participation by the winners in the positions of Mayor, City Manager, Police Chief, and City Treasurer, was requested for Council approval.

Budget Officer Ng was present to report on the coordination of this project to date.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the subject request. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved (Councilman Surber absent).

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

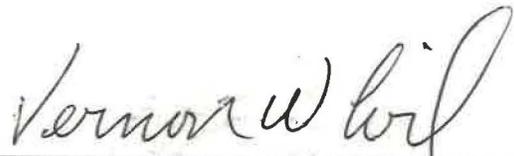
At 6:35 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess for an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages, and working conditions, and a matter of litigation (these being proper subject matters for an Executive Session, per Deputy City Attorney Freeman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Surber).

The Council returned at 7:48 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and approve an appropriation of \$11,500 from Gas Tax Funds for right-of-way acquisitions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

At 7:50 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, October 28, 1975, at 6:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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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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