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Adjourned at 12:11 A.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 1975, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. (It was necessary for Councilman Armstrong to be absent from the meeting from 7:20 P.M. to 9:15 P.M.)

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Finance Director Dundore led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Skip Roberts, Torrance YMCA.

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A minute of silence to the memory of Mr. Dick Miller followed the invocation -- Mayor Miller recalled his years of friendship with Dick, and deemed his passing from the scene a tremendous loss to the community.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of September 30, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Surber 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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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Civil Service Committee:

Will meet on November 5th.

Ad Hoc Oil Landscaping Committee:

Will next meet on November 6th at 5:00 P.M.

Park, Recreation, and Community Development:

Next meeting: November 7th at 4:00 P.M.

Finance Committee:

A November 12th meeting has been scheduled for Quarterly Budget Review.

Charter Review Committee:

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

COMMISSION MATTERS:8. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

1. That the City Council fill the two vacancies on the Planning Commission and the vacancy on the Park and Recreation Commission; and
2. Extend the term of the Park and Recreation Commissioner to 4 years and 2 months, to expire January 15, 1980, since the term of the vacant position presently expires January 1, 1976.

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

Interviewed were: William Applegate, John Bramhall, James Burger, Arthur Callen, John Christopher, Laura DuBrow, John Dunbar, Gretchen Harrison, Frances Kelly, Joan Lee, Henry Matthews III, Herbert Meredith, Warren Missell, Janet Pryor, Betty Rogers, Margaret Schoendist, Nathan Vogel, Daniel Walker, Robert White, Harold Widney, Herbert Wortler, and James Latteri.

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At 7:10 P.M., the Council recessed for an Executive Session to consider the subject appointments, returning at 7:30 P.M. Mayor Miller announced the appointments, as follows:

Park and Recreation Commission:

James Burger.

Planning Commission:

Mrs. Janet Pryor

Daniel Walker.

(It was necessary for Councilman Armstrong to leave the meeting at 7:20 PM).

Mayor Miller ordered a 3-minute recess, at this time,
7:35 P.M.

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PRESENTATION:9. TILE PLAQUE to Skyliners Club.

Presentation of a Tile Plaque to the Skyliners Club in recognition and appreciation of their donation of five Burn Pacs for Fire Department use was made by Mayor Miller. There was grateful acceptance by Messrs. Walker and Stump, on behalf of the Skyliners Club.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. Meet 'N Treat Day - Halloween, October 31, 1975.
11. Sellebration 75 Day - November 1, 1975.
12. Southern California Teen Challenge Week - November 9-16, 1975.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC WORKS:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the execution of Quitclaim of Slope Easement in Tract No. 32149.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR A CERTAIN SLOPE EASEMENT IN TRACT NO. 32149

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-220. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

14. CONSTRUCTION OF MASONRY BLOCK WALL at De Portola Park northerly boundary near Tandem Way.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/ACTING PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR: That the bid of Masonry Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$28,352.32 be accepted, and that a contract be awarded to this firm. It is further recommended that \$5,300 be appropriated from the Park Development monies paid by the adjacent subdivider. Of the \$200,000 contribution made by the subdivider, \$143,000 has been received to date.

FINANCE NOTE:

If this contract is awarded, under the terms of the agreement with the subdivider, the final \$57,000 installment on the Park Development monies will be due and payable.

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

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION amending original agreement with State Resources Agency on Project #819-224, Torrance Regional Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY ON PROJECT #819-224, TORRANCE REGIONAL PARK, WHEREBY THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT IS EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-221. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION amending original agreement with State Resources Agency on Project #819-232, Torrance Regional Park.

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-222. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

16. RESOLUTION authorizing the destruction of certain unneeded City records.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING

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THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED
CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING
COPIES THEREOF

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-223. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

17. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of contract for City's participation in the South Bay Regional Burglary Team.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-224

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-
ING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
BURGLARY INVESTIGATION SERVICES

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-224; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

18. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council authorize Staff to negotiate a contract renewal option (not to exceed 3 additional years) with the Computer Sciences Corporation. If so directed, Staff would plan on returning to Council in early January with a recommendation to either renew the contract or reject the renewal quotation and seek new proposals.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved (Councilman Armstrong absent).

PLANNING HEARING:

19. D 75-20, HENRY E. AND LOUISE H. MOORE. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Division of Lot to create two parcels in the R-1 zone to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling on property located at 25803 Matfield Drive (between Matfield Drive and Crest Road).

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.

At the request of Councilman Armstrong, and in his absence, City Manager Ferraro offered Mr. Armstrong's prepared statement in this matter, as follows:

"As you know, I appealed the decision of the Planning Commission in the Crest Road Division of Lot case before you tonight. At the time I signed the appeal, of course, I did not know when the case would be before you. Indeed, I was unaware until we received our agenda Friday that the case would be heard tonight.

"Unfortunately, as I indicated last Tuesday, a professional commitment must take me from the meeting tonight, in all likelihood, before the hearing is called. I should like to participate, and, if possible, I would request that the hearing be continued until I can be present. But, judging from the volume of mail and from the material accompanying the agenda, I think such a request on my part on such short notice would inconvenience many, many people.

"As a matter of fact, I do not think my presence is necessary. I think the material before you defines the issues clearly. Should any further development be permitted along Crest Road? If this Division of Lot is granted, does it open the door for similar applications? Are we setting a precedent difficult to overturn? Have we, in fact, reached the level of acceptable tolerance? Have we here, as in other areas of the City, another pocket of maximum density?

"This and similar Crest Road questions have been before us on similar occasions. I appealed the case to this Council to provide us with an opportunity to finally get some firm resolution and direction for future planning.

"In the present case, the Planning Commission has seemed to reverse itself. I do not think that the Crest Road decision ought to be an off again, on again, affair. Once a course of action or intention is established then it seems to me only the most significant changes justify altering the course.

"I know both proponents and opponents will have a fair hearing, as is our custom. My present inclination, based on careful review of the history of this and on other Crest Road cases, would be to reverse the Planning Commission in this matter.

"As I cannot share in the public debate or consider the evidence presented at the public hearing, which is an essential process, I will accept the decision of the Council, or, if the hearing for some reason is not concluded tonight, I will, of course, study the tapes and be prepared to share in any further deliberations.

"As you know, I need not have made this statement, but as I have initiated the appeal and could not be present, I felt an obligation to enter this into the record."

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

First to speak was Mr. Lewis Morgan, 25816 Matfield Drive, who reviewed past decisions regarding Crest Road which denied further development because of traffic problems. Denial of the subject request, and such future requests, was urged by Mr. Morgan.

The proponent, Mr. Henry Moore, reiterated his Planning Commission presentation which outlined the basis for approval of the request, and incorporated findings regarding traffic considerations; Environmental Review Board findings (a Negative Declaration); the uniqueness of the property; etc.

Mrs. Ponder, a former Crest Road resident, pointed out future development difficulties in this area for remaining lots, other than the proponent's; recommended painting curb red; etc.

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

Council discussion was directed to Environmental Review Board deliberations, with appropriate clarification by Assistant to the City Manager Scharfman; Crest Road impact; original tract commitments re: Crest Road; General Plan policy; potential curb cuts; resident and guest parking on Crest Road; the precedent-setting aspect; etc.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department for DENIAL of D75-20. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

HEARING - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

20. CONTINUATION OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1975 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SECOND YEAR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET:

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

The following procedure is suggested by Staff in the development of the second year Block Grant program budget:

- (1) Council review local guideline amendments.
- (2) Council review target area map.
- (3) Council review projects continued from first year with budgetary commitments.
- (4) Council review alternatives for first year.
- (5) Council review project suggested during second year Citizen Participation Program.
- (6) Council direct Staff on possible amounts to allocate on projects deemed to have the highest priority under -
 - (a) \$842,000 grant
 - (b) \$220,000 increase.
- (7) Council direct Staff to return on November 18th with a refined budget for -
 - (a) \$842,000 grant
 - (b) \$220,000 high priority projects in case of amendment.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the Continued Public Hearing in the matter of the Second Year Housing and Community Development Budget.

The format recommended by the Planning Director was followed, with Staff presentation of items of procedure by Assistant City Manager Scharfman and Planning Associate Gomez.

Audience comments were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Douglas Brown, in behalf of Behavioral Health Services: Described the community contributions of this organization, and urged approval of funding for their continued services. (Written report to be provided.)

(Councilman Armstrong arrived at this point in the meeting, the hour being 9:15 P.M.)

Mr. Frank Macy, South Bay Children's Health Center: The activities of this group, particularly as they relate to Torrance residents, were noted, as was their intent to permanently locate in Torrance -- funding to accomplish such relocation was requested.

Mrs. Brazuski, 22307 Eastwood Court: Reiterated the desire of the residents for a barrier wall along Sepulveda Boulevard in the vicinity of the Del Amo Shopping Center.

Ms. Roberta Silverman, YWCA: Spoke in favor of the establishment of a Human Resources Coordinator position, in view of the many needs of a city this size.

Mr. Stephen Burns, YMCA: Described their proposed cardiovascular fitness program and the needed building and equipment; also noted were needed van-type vehicles to support their programs -- approval of funding for these two projects was requested.

Mr. Richard Sloan, 3430 West 224th Street: Also spoke in favor of a barrier wall on Sepulveda Boulevard.

Messrs. Buettgenbach and Brown, Torrance Unified School District: Reiterated previous requests re: funding for a child care center and a centralized kitchen.

Ms. Virginia Levanes, Human Resources Commission: Indicated their support of the above referred to child care center as well as a Human Resources Coordinator.

Mrs. Janet Switzer, Switzer Center: Approval of additional funding in connection with their major remodeling efforts was requested.

Ms. Joan Beardsley, 4816 MacAfee Road: Indicated support of the Human Resources Coordinator position.

Mrs. Pat Tyrrell, president, League of Women Voters: Confirmed that it is necessary to include in the City's Goals a plan for rental assistance, although rental assistance is ineligible to be funded in this particular application. Rental assistance will be provided via Title II, per Mr. Gomez.

Ms. Patty Mock, 20339 Madison: Requested, and received, clarification re: the status of Delthorne Park.

Ms. Betty Schapira, CALF and Indoor Sports: Public rest rooms accessible to wheelchair occupants were urged for consideration.

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

The voluminous information provided at this meeting, and the additional citizen input, was acknowledged by the Council -- also noted was the recommendation that Staff return on November 18th; this met with the concurrence of the Council, and action was taken as reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with Staff recommendations #1 (approval of local guideline amendments) and #2 (approval of target area map). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That under the existing guidelines, #1 and #2 be approved as stated; that page #4, under the areas of Housing Assistance, be revised to state "...provide rental assistance to elderly and handicapped persons."

Council discussion resumed, and the need for additional information was noted, particularly in the area of rental assistance guidelines.

The SUBSTITUTE MOTION died for lack of a second.

Roll call vote on the main motion by Councilman Armstrong was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber, Uerkwitz.

Mayor Miller pointed out the further review of this matter on November 18th.

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The hour being 11:00 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 11:03 P.M., at which time Mayor Miller ordered a 5-minute recess.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:21. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS:

1. \$434.60 to D. H. Auto Equipment Co. for one (1) only 20-ton Blackhawk jack as requested by the Fire Department as a replacement.
2. \$883.40 to James Jones Company for various size angle valves, adapter couplings and corp. stops as requested by the Water Department.
3. \$1,018.24 to California Nut & Bolt Company for a variety of 3/4" and 5/8" diameter nuts and bolts as requested by the Water Department.
4. \$3,975.00 to Cataphote, Division of Ferro Corp. for an annual contract to supply reflective glass beads for street striping paint "as requested" by the Department of Transportation.
5. (Omitted).
6. \$5,620.08 to International Harvester of Los Angeles for necessary repairs to a City rubbish truck (#9030) which was involved in an accident as requested by the City Garage.
7. \$560.13 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for necessary tire repair and recapping services "as required" by the City Garage.
8. \$359.82 to Maxon Industries for the purchase of necessary repair parts for city rubbish trucks as requested by the Garage Department.
9. \$5,342.40 to Kott Ford to lease 3 used vehicles as a continuing program for Police Department Crime Impact Team Program for one (1) year.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

10. \$1,056.00 to Dunlop Sports Company for 120 dozen tennis balls as requested by the Recreation Department for resale at the Las Canchas Racquet Club.

22. MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT AREA taxiway and tiedown at the Torrance Municipal Airport (B75-39) Job No. 74146.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made on the basis of as-built quantities.

23. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - Printing Paper (Bid #B75-47)
Expenditure: \$21,785.99

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve the following awards per bid of record:

1. \$13,242.69 to Butler Paper Company for items #4-9, 15, 23, 25 and 60-65.
2. \$3,533.21 to Noland Paper Company for items #1-3, 10-14, 24, 32, 40, 50-52, 59 and 66.
3. \$5,010.09 to Nationwide Paper Company for items #16-22, 26-31, 33-39, 41-49 and 53-58.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #21, 22 and #23. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

24. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested an Executive Session following this meeting to consider litigation.
25. City Manager Ferraro noted that Tuesday, November 11th, the Veteran's Day holiday, will be a dark night for Council.
26. City Manager Ferraro advised that the November 6th meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Del Amo Development has been cancelled; a new date will have to be scheduled.

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At 11:15 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to recess for an Executive Session re: litigation (a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 12:10 A.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to authorize the City Attorney and City Manager to make an offer of settlement to Fujita Corporation, per Executive Session discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 12:11 A.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil
Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the
City of Torrance