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at 5:30 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, November 4, 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:

Planning Director Shartle led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Robert W. Larsen, Christ the King Lutheran Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 1975, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, 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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Civil Service Committee:

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

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Ad Hoc Committee/Oil Landscaping:

Next meeting on November 6th at 5:00 P.M.

Park, Recreation and Community Development:

Meeting scheduled for November 7th at 4:00 P.M.

Finance Committee:

Quarterly Budget Review will occur on November 12th at 5:30 P.M.

PROCLAMATIONS:

8. Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Festival Day - November 8 and 9, 1975.
9. Youth Appreciation Week - November 10-18, 1975.
10. Alcoholism Action Week - November 17-21, 1975.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

11. REPORT FROM COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE re: Sign Review Function.

RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE RE APPOINTED GROUPS:

Adoption of the following statement as a matter of new Council Policy:

"The City Council reaffirms its direction to the Planning and Environmental Quality Commissions regarding the sign review function. The Planning Commission continues to be responsible for overall signing concepts when dealing with major developments. Due to workload the Planning Commission should not be involved in the details of signing throughout the community.

"Developers appearing before the Planning Commission for Conditional Use Permits, Precise Plans, etc. are to be requested by the Planning Department to submit a conceptual scheme of their proposed signing program. The Planning Commission is then charged with evaluating this overall concept in the context of the architectural scheme for the entire project.

"Once the signing concept is approved by the Planning Commission (subject to appeal to the City Council), the details of handling approval of individual signs and variations from the signing program will be the responsibility of the Environmental Quality Commission.

"As directed by the City Manager, staffing to the Planning and Environmental Quality Commissions will be handled by the Planning and Building & Safety Departments respectively."

In the process of these discussions, the Ad Hoc Committee became aware of the pending sign abatements which were created

in 1969. As a further recommendation, the Committee asks that Council direct the City Manager to return with an action program outlining how the City would intend on following through on the previously established abatements.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for adoption of the Ad Hoc Committee's report and concurrence with the recommendation therein. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Noted by Councilwoman Geissert was the recommendation of Planning Director Shartle "that a City Policy should be adopted by the City Council determining just what we are trying to accomplish through our signing regulations. It may well be that signing goals and policies should be made a part of the General Plan and then all efforts be directed toward meeting these goals." This was referred to Mr. Shartle for appropriate follow-through.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

12. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF CROSSING GUARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION/CHIEF OF POLICE/CITY ENGINEER: That a Crossing Guard be temporarily assigned to the intersection of Prairie Avenue and 184th Place during the interim period between the opening of Prairie Avenue south of 190th Street and the operation of a pedestrian overcrossing on Prairie Avenue south of 186th Street.

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

REAL PROPERTY:

13. NEGOTIATIONS RE: LEASE OF AIRPORT PREMISES FOR RESTAURANT.

Held for later in the meeting. See page 12.

Since it was necessary for him to leave the meeting, Mr. Jerry Del Conte, president, Del Amo Rotary Club, was permitted to comment on this item at this time. Mr. Del Conte pointed out the established interest of the Del Amo Rotary Club in a mini-bike park on Airport property, and noted the series of events which have transpired in the intervening period. "Although they still believe the park project to still be viable, in terms of need and merit, we are still bewildered as to what position to take," per Mr. Del Conte -- should there be favorable consideration of the mini-bike park by the Council, then the Del Amo Rotary Club would like to work in cooperation with the Park and Recreation Department in this regard. Financial considerations were reviewed, and it was Mr. Del Conte's concluding remark that

should additional funding be needed, it likely could be obtained; should the priorities be based on strictly dollar income via commercial venture, then the Del Amo Rotary Club has no objections to the current Staff proposal, if it would not invalidate the concept of the Master Plan or the reason for placing a moratorium on long term leases.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: U.S. Department of Transportation Grants; Partial Implementation of Transit Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. Authorize the conditional hiring of three bus drivers, one equipment serviceman, and one senior bus operator, as budgeted, to implement Program No. 2 (increase hours of service from 12 to 16 hours).
2. Authorize the processing of an open-end, fixed-price contract for two or more (not to exceed six) mini-buses to implement Program No. 3 (add two new routes). This program to return to Council before implementation for further approval of routes and staffing.
3. Authorize the conditional hiring of 1.5 bus drivers, one senior bus operator, and one radio-equipped sedan, as budgeted, to implement Program No. 4 (increase weekend service).
4. Authorize the conditional hiring of one Transit System Operations Supervisor, one steno-clerk, and purchase of a second radio-equipped sedan to implement a portion of Program No. 6 (management improvement program).
5. Authorize the conditional hiring of two equipment mechanics in the Garage Division to be reimbursed from the Transportation Department budget to implement Program No. 7 (Staff support for other departments).
6. Adoption of subject resolution authorizing the Director of Transportation to execute and file application for Federal Section 5 Operating and Capital Assistance Project Grants with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR OPERATING ASSISTANCE AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT GRANTS UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED, FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975/76

were made

Staff presentations, by Director of Transportation Horkay and Administrative Analyst Schmitt. Specifically noted by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson was the need for Executive Session discussion regarding necessary changes to layoff procedures as they would relate to this program.

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Council discussion encompassed the overall impact of the proposed program; with specific note of the mini-bus (Dial-A-Ride) service; the design of the proposed routes; the possible merits of a "no fare" arrangement; the providing of candid information to both bus employees and bus users re: funding status; political implications should future removal of bus lines be necessary; coordination with RTD re: grid system; etc. Councilman Wilson suggested that there might be other, more beneficial ways of using the subject monies, and urged that there be Transportation Committee review of the matter, rather than accepting Staff recommendations at this point.

The following Council action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-225. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to refer Agenda Item #14 to the Transportation Committee for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Uerkwitz: That the Council concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation, subject to the handling of Item #1, the hiring and layoff of personnel, being considered in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE - Civil Service Commissioner.

REQUEST OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council authorize the attendance of Commissioner van Oppen at the Institute of Industrial Relations, UCLA Conference/Workshop, to be held in Fresno on November 13th and 14th, with appropriate expenses, not to exceed \$200.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

There are no travel provisions in the current year budget for Commissions; however, the City Council policy does allow two Civil Service Commissioners to attend one in-State conference per year if funds were provided. The Council earlier this year authorized four Civil Service Commissioners and the Executive Officer to attend the International Personnel Management Conference locally at Anaheim. If this request is approved, a \$200 appropriation is required from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve.

Councilman Uerkwitz noted that this is an unbudgeted item; approval would set a precedent.

Executive Officer Donovan pointed out that Commissioner van Oppen is scheduled to become the chairman of the Employee Relations

Committee, and this would prove a most worthwhile educational opportunity for her.

Councilman Wilson stated that approval has been granted other Commissioners to attend conference when deemed appropriate, and MOVED to concur with the request of the Civil Service Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, after confirmation by Executive Officer Donovan that there would be only one workshop of this nature by UCLA.

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

16. RESOLUTION re: Agreement with Bank of America to provide low interest Community Development Act Home Improvement Loans.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOANS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-226, subject to final approval by the City Attorney. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,  
Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber, Uerkwitz (both for  
previously stated reasons).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

17. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-227

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 AMPCO METALS, A DIVISION OF AMPCO STEEL

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-227. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. CLASSIFICATION STUDY - Data Entry Clerk (Police Department).

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE

COMMISSION: That Council approve the reallocation of budgeted funds for a Data Entry Clerk (Police Department) to a budgeted position of Typist Clerk, and that it be filled in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations. Incumbents in other positions in the class of Data Entry Clerk or Typist Clerk would continue in their respective Civil Service status.

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

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

See Page 14.

Mayor Miller also noted the need to determine the terms of office for the newly appointed Planning Commissioners, and requested that this also be a consideration of the Executive Session. There were no objections.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. RESOLUTION re: agreement with Little Company of Mary Hospital for ride-along program for nurses.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL FOR COOPERATION IN A RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM FOR NURSES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAID AGREEMENT

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 75-228. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

21. EMERGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCES providing for the abatement of public nuisances.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2610

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 32 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2610 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REGULAR ORDINANCE NO. 2611

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 32 TO CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2610 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2611 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING HEARINGS:

22. ZC 75-6, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION. Change of Zone from C-1 to C-R or C-1 PP on property located at the northwest corner of Anza Avenue and Calle Mayor to assure that the City will retain the right to review the development plans for the undeveloped portion of the property.

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, and following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

The owner of the subject property, Mrs. Lilyan Lynn, 1208 Greenwood, reiterated her objections to the proposed rezoning, for reasons of record -- in her opinion, the "doctrine of equitable estoppel prevails; all the elements are present." Mrs. Lynn further stated that she will not change her position; to do so, could waive her rights in future action by the Council. It was then confirmed by Mrs. Lynn that there had been no inquiries, objections, or interest in this property otherwise displayed by other than City officials. Planning Director Shartle reviewed the long standing efforts by the Planning Commission to bring zoning throughout the City into appropriate conformance.

In response to Mrs. Lynn's question as to "what is the statutory period within which I can appeal the Council decision this date, or otherwise seek a remedy?", City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that he did not have such knowledge, and recommended that Mrs. Lynn seek advice from a private attorney. Mrs. Lynn restated her desire that this information be provided her by Mr. Remelmeyer.

It was the further request of Mrs. Lynn that the minutes of this meeting be sent her, along with the names and addresses of any person who has commented, verbally or in writing, on the subject zone change.

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

It was the comment of Councilman Armstrong that he could understand Mrs. Lynn's concern were major dislocation of uses and options contemplated, but in this case, what is proposed is not an uncommon practice and does not work a hardship on present and future use of the property.

Councilman Armstrong thereupon MOVED to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 75-6, change of zone from C-1 to C-1, PP. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. ZC 75-11, THE SWITZER CENTER FOR EDUCATION THERAPY.  
Change of Zone from R-3 zone to P-1 zone on property located on the north side of Sartori Avenue between Engracia and Cravens Avenues, and on the south side of Engracia Avenue between Van Ness and Sartori Avenues to allow the use of the subject parcels for off-street parking.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing on ZC 75-11, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

Representing Post 170, American Legion, Mr. John Jasper questioned the effect on the proposed rezoning on the adjacent property of the American Legion as to parking, liquor license, etc.

Council discussion was directed to the property description, conditions of property purchase, etc. and a desire for additional information was indicated.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to continue the hearing on ZC 75-11 to November 18, 1975 at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

24. APPEAL OF TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL OF PETITION TO MAKE SENEFELD DRIVE ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the subject hearing, and invited comments from the audience.

Representing Senefeld Drive residents, Mrs. Dee Sannum, 3538 Senefeld Drive, reiterated their desire that their small street (with some eight residences) be made a one-way westerly street, noting the uniqueness of this particular street and the inevitable future traffic problems in view of the extensive development in the area. The desired two signs to effect such a one-way street would cost approximately \$58, per Mrs. Sannum.

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

Staff clarification was provided by Associate Traffic Engineer Collins, with elaboration re: guidelines, traffic counts, etc., which were the basis for the Staff/Commission recommendation for denial.

Council discussion followed -- reviewed were precedent-setting aspects; cul-de-sac vs. one way street; future traffic potentials; alternate arrangements; etc., it being the general consensus that the request of the residents should be granted, in that there would be very little, if any, impact with such a small street.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to approve the installation of one-way traffic signs which will make Senefeld Drive a one-way westerly street. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the comment of Councilman Brewster that the above arrangement will not eliminate the use of Senefeld Drive by the short-cut Madison traffic; hence his opposition. Councilman Wilson stated that there is a risk with the one-way street, and the basis of his "no" vote.

Mayor Miller noted that in the event any problems develop, the Council may reconsider the matter -- Director of Transportation Horkay was directed to "stay on top of this and see what's happening."

ROUTINE MATTERS:

25. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

A. BUDGETED ITEMS.

1. \$309.75 to Medical Life Systems, Inc. for necessary parts and labor to repair a Paramedic Datascope as requested by the Fire Department.

2. \$305.28 to Western Highway Products for the purchase of traffic warning sign mounting brackets and fasteners as requested by the Department of Transportation.
3. \$1036.78 to Alexander Manufacturing for the purchase of necessary stock of portable radio (communication type) batteries as requested by the Department of Transportation.
4. \$1804.40 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 200 #3 water meter boxes "as required" by the Water Dept.
5. \$1047.81 to Western Highway Products for street lane pavement markers as requested by the Department of Transportation.
6. \$839.52 to Rice Manufacturing Company for 600 each replacement traffic cones as requested by the Department of Transportation.
7. \$439.90 to LaSalle Paper Company for 20 lb. offset printing paper as requested by the Central Services Division.
8. \$438.19 to Torrance Auto Body to repair a Police B&W Unit (Unit #7173) involved in an accident.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

9. \$471.70 to Best Concrete Products for one only 4-ft. concrete meter vault as requested by the Water Department for installation at the K.D. Fechner service. Payment has already been received.

26. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS -Tract No. 32022.  
 Subdivider: Meine Construction  
 Bonding Company: Safeco Insurance Company of America

<u>TYPE BOND</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	2391771	\$ 6,600.00
Payment	2391771	3,300.00
Inspection	2391772	1,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bonds be released.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #25 and #26. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unani- mously favorable.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

27. ORDINANCE re: Contract Amendment between the City of Torrance and the Public Employees Retirement System.

ORDINANCE NO. 2612

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT

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TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL  
AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT  
SYSTEM

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2612 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. ORDINANCE re: Premium Pay Provisions, TCEA - See Page 14.

The Council returned to:

REAL PROPERTY:

13. NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPECIALTY RESTAURANTS CORPORATION RE: LEASE OF AIRPORT PREMISES FOR RESTAURANT.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the City Council determine that the application of Specialty Restaurants for a restaurant is a unique case of merit to the City, and that the Land Management Team may therefore enter into negotiations with Specialty Restaurants.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman advised that Mr. David Tallichet, representing Specialty Restaurants, was now present.

Mr. Scharfman then clarified the desire of the Land Management Team to enter into discussion with Specialty Restaurants, this being the first such request.

Airport Commission review was preferred by Councilman Brewster -- Mr. Brewster also noted the absence of any "guarantees" with the negotiation process.

It was the general consensus of the Council that much valuable input could be obtained by way of the requested discussions.

Mr. Bud Walsh, representing the Torrance Mounted Posse, stated that they would withdraw from any negotiations in order that the City might proceed in this matter -- there could be consideration for another piece of land at a later date for his organization, per Mr. Walsh.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Land Management Team. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Surber,  
Uerkwitz, Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (a "procedural" no).

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The hour being 8:25 P.M., Councilman Uerkwitz moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 8:35 P.M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28A. City Manager Ferraro advised that the Los Angeles County Aviation Commission will be meeting in the Council Chambers on November 13th, 1975, at 9:30 A.M. A tour of the Torrance Airport will follow, with luncheon scheduled at Del Conte's Restaurant.

29. Councilman Armstrong directed that the Park and Recreation Director should pursue the matter of the greening of the Miramar Park site. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

30. Councilman Armstrong recommended the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Sister City Committee relationship. There were no objections. Mayor Miller named Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert, and Wilson to this Ad Hoc Committee.

31. Councilman Uerkwitz reported that the South Bay Cities Association had unanimously supported Torrance's position on the beach properties and the treatment by the Coastal Commission.

32. Councilman Wilson stated that the South Coast Regional Commission reversed its position in the matter of the beach properties, such properties having been removed from the Regional List. Dr. Wilson then commended Michael Stetson for his "very fine report" and his efforts in this regard -- along with those efforts of Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Doll in their presentations before the Regional Commission.

33. Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Doll both conveyed their appreciation to all who had supported their pleas before the Coastal Commission regarding the beach properties on the "acquisition list", with a special "thank you" to Michael Stetson.

34. Councilman Brewster inquired as to the status of the requested report regarding the arbitrary and capricious behavior of the State Coastal Commission in their manner of treatment to those appearing before them. City Manager Ferraro advised that such report is being prepared.

35. Presented by Mayor Miller, and warmly welcomed by all present, was former Councilman Ross Sciarrotta, present in the audience at this meeting.

36. Representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, Officer Phil Joseph requested appeal of the administrative decision that Officer Trimarchi would not be disability retired. Also noted was the appeal time period -- it was clarified by the Council that this date, November 4th, would start the five-day appeal period.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson clarified the procedures regarding the Hearing Board process; it must first be heard by the full Council, not a Council Committee.

ITEM #19 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:55 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages, and working conditions (a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 9:15 P.M.

Mayor Miller announced terms of office for the Planning Commission as follows:

Janet Pryor            4-year term  
Daniel Walker        2-year term.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

28. ORDINANCE re: Premium Pay Provisions, TCEA.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2613

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.63.5 OF PART VI OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING PREMIUM PAY PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.63.5 OF PART VI OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING PREMIUM PAY PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2613 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At 9:20 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Tuesday, November 18, 1975, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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APPROVED:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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

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