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Adjourned at 8:30 P.M. to February 10, 1976, 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, February 3, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. John Alter led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Bruce Lundberg, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of the minutes of January 6, 1976, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

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

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City Manager Ferraro reported on the successful surgery performed on Councilman Uerkwitz on January 29th, and, to the joy of all present, his excellent recuperative prognosis.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Finance Committee:

Met on January 29th for Mid-Year Budget Review.

Ad Hoc - Agency Selection Committee:

Will meet on February 4th at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENTATION:8. GIFT OF PHONORECORD TURNTABLES FROM "FRIENDS OF THE TORRANCE LIBRARY."RECOMMENDATION OF LIBRARY COMMISSION:

That the gift of three phonorecord turntables for the Civic Center Library from the Friends of the Torrance Library be accepted, and that the Friends of the Torrance Library be commended for its generous donations and service to the Library Department.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Library Commission, in grateful appreciation for this gift from the Friends of the Torrance Library. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

PUBLIC WORKS:9. STORM DRAIN CONSTRUCTION AT 232ND AND ARLINGTON AVENUE.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Council appropriate \$3,500 from the Drainage Improvement Fund for construction of a catch basin and lateral on the south side of 232nd Street at Arlington Avenue.

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

10. CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS. (B76-3)RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Diamond Builders and all other bids be rejected.

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

11. AUTOMATIC DOORS FOR THE HANDICAPPED.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the firm of John R. Hundley, Inc. be accepted as the responsible contractor to do the work of the installation of the automatic doors for the following three locations in the amount of \$23,890: (1) Civic Center Library Main Entrance (2) City Hall Main Entrance, and (3) City Hall East Entrance.

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

12. MASONRY BLOCK WALL AT DE PORTOLA PARK NORTHERLY BOUNDARY NEAR TANDEM WAY. (B75-52) Job No. 75138.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor in the amount of \$28,352.32, the bid amount.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

13. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO APCD REGULATIONS.

Heard later in the meeting - See Page 11.

REAL PROPERTY:

14. RESOLUTION re: lease of airport property.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A LEASE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY FRONTING ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO ROBERT W. SMITH FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING MOBILE HOMES

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-14. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Land Management Team to deny request for a three to five year option. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION re: Amendment to Petroleum Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A PETROLEUM AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND M.O. DION
AND SONS, INC., FOR DELIVERY OF SHELL OIL
COMPANY FUEL AND OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
TO HI SHEAR CORPORATION ON THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-15. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND
ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR ON-THE-
JOB TRAINING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AND CAPITOL METALS COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-16. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2630.

ORDINANCE NO. 2630

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.82.1
OF PART VIII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING SALARY
ADVANCEMENTS WITH BASE PAY RANGE FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.82.1
OF PART VIII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING SALARY
ADVANCEMENTS WITH BASE PAY RANGE FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2630 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2631.

Withdrawn from the agenda.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:19. RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE AUDIT.RECOMMENDATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the City contract with Mund, McLaurin & Company for a risk management insurance audit, and that the City Council authorize the service fee of \$40 per hour, not to exceed a maximum of \$7,200.

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

20. PRAIRIE/MADRONA EXTENSION.RECOMMENDATION OF STREET NAMING COMMITTEE:

That Council assign the name "Prairie Avenue" to the unnamed portion of this street between Del Amo Boulevard and 190th Street.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Street Naming Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

21. CUP 74-64, Cordon International Corporation (Cosmodyne). Request for installation of a Helistop in the industrial sector northeast of Torrance Civic Center, 2920 Columbia Street. (A Conditional Use Permit is normally final with the Planning Commission. However, Section 21661.5 of the State Aeronautics Act requires that the decision of the Planning Commission receive the approbation of the City Council before the California Department of Transportation can issue a permit for the helistop.)

Representing the proponent, Mr. Joseph M. Cobert, 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, reviewed past, present, and proposed use of the subject helistop -- however, he was unacquainted with the flight pattern, actual flights, etc.

On behalf of CHAT, Mr. Bernie Hollander noted inconsistencies in the report as to the actual number of flights to occur, the inadequate flight plan description, destinations, jurisdiction, precedent-setting aspects, etc. Based on the lack of information available in this matter, it was Mr. Hollander's recommendation that permission be denied until appropriate clarification can be provided. (NOTE: Later in the meeting, Mrs. Rachel Meyer, Southwood Homeowners Association, advised that their Association had not been polled by CHAT in this matter, and the foregoing comments did not necessarily reflect their opinion.)

Council discussion was directed to the need for additional information and input from Staff. Specifically requested by Councilman Brewster was information pertaining to the establishment of a defined arrival and departure course; the class of equipment to be used; and frequency and hours of proposed service.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to continue Item #21 to the Council meeting of February 24, 1976. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

22. REVISED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE re: Old Torrance District.

It was the recommendation of Planning Director Shartle, concurred in by City Attorney Remelmeyer, that the subject ordinance be held for two weeks in that an alternative ordinance is being prepared which will better serve the purpose with less impact on all concerned.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Director and the City Attorney to hold Item #22. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

PLANNING HEARINGS:

23. CUP 75-73 AND CUP 75-74, ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY.
Appeal of the Environmental Review Board's determination that an Environmental Impact Report is required for construction of a professional office complex and a tennis club on property located at the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing; Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle.

The proponent, Mr. Albert Levitt, was present to describe the positive environmental aspects of the proposed development, and to note the desirability of the project over past requests for use of the property. Mr. Levitt also noted the considerable City control of the development by way of the Conditional Use Permit.

Mr. Dale Bardofsky (?), 2477 West 255th Place, reviewed the past and present history of the problems of this property, and indicated his approval of the now proposed development, with proper controls.

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

Lengthy Council discussion ensued -- reviewed were problems of lighting, traffic, environmental data of record, the history of the subject property, City controls, the high cost of EIRs, etc.

It was the opinion of Councilwoman Geissert that there was inevitable environmental impact in the development of some nine acres of land and that an Environmental Impact Report would serve a most valuable need. Councilman Wilson was of the opinion that there is need for criteria in Council deliberations regarding Environmental Impact Reports -- in this case, he urged that there at least be a "mini EIR" in the areas of traffic, noise, and lighting, although, in his opinion, a complete EIR should be required.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to grant the subject appeal, and not require an Environmental Impact Report in connection with CUPS 75-73, 75-74, with specific note of the fact that this action would not include that section of land to the east of the subject property -- it being the finding of this Council that there be a Negative Declaration for EA 75-103. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that there be, in the normal process of review, extra attention paid to the lighting aspects of the tennis courts and to the architectural treatment of the buildings facing the City of Lomita.

24. W 75-44, ROBERT AND LUCILLE ESTRADA. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a waiver of fence height requirements in the R-1 zone on property located at 20016 Bernist Avenue.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing -- Staff presentation was provided by Planning Director Shartle.

Councilman Armstrong, who had effected the appeal, reported on his personal inspection of the site and his review of the minutes in this matter, and recommended that the appeal be granted.

Present to reiterate her objections of record in the Planning Commission minutes of December 3, 1975, was Mrs. Joan Markstead, 20022 Bernist Avenue, who provided clarification desired by the Council.

Mr. Robert Estrada, temporarily residing at 4724 Maricopa because of the problems which have developed over this fence, outlined the reasons for the needed addition to the fence -- noise, privacy, etc. Mr. Estrada indicated his willingness to provide an addition of cement blocks, rather than fiberglass.

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

Following discussion regarding a compromise via cement block, action was taken as noted below:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the illegal portion of the subject structure be removed within a two to three week period, with a waiver of height limitations on the wall on the portion in question from 6 ft. to 8 ft., at a height not to exceed 8 ft. and to be of matching material -- all subject to Building and Safety Department approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

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ROUTINE MATTERS:25. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$560.67 to Melroe Equipment Company for Ford tractor replacement parts, as requested by the City Garage for City Ford Loader #A62.
2. \$421.11 to Nixon-Egli Equipment Company for one only replacement street sweeper part, as requested by the City Garage.
3. \$390.54 to Macmillan Library Service for one set of Collier's Encyclopedia, as requested by the City Librarian.
4. \$626.09 to Melroe Equipment Company for miscellaneous repair parts for a Ford flail mower, as requested by the Airport Division for their flail mower.
5. \$538.03 to American Wholesale Hardware Company for miscellaneous hand tools to replace tools stolen from a building at Wilson City facility.
6. \$1378.53 to Meyercord Company for 30 sets of bus side letters as requested by the Department of Transportation - Transit Division.
7. \$2000.00 to Films, Inc. for a rental fee to rent 47 films as part of an on-going library film program.
8. \$1886.00 to H.W. Wilson Company for a variety of reference books required by the Library for 1976.
9. \$550.00 to Congressional Information Services, Inc. for a subscription to American Statistics Index.
10. \$346.67 to Torrance Car Wash for the purchase of gasoline by the Police Department at \$.589/gal. for black-and-white Police service on an "as needed" basis.
11. \$678.40 to Ameron Pole Products Division for the purchase of two replacement street lighting poles as requested by the Department of Transportation.
12. \$786.94 to Gymnastic Supply Company for eight each replacement heavy duty tumbling mats as requested by the Recreation Department.

26. FINAL PAYMENT - OIL WELL ABANDONMENT - SUR LA BREA PARK.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT:

That the work be accepted and final payment of \$20,751.70 be made to the contractor from the Sur La Brea Park Fund.

27. SALE OF CITY SURPLUS PROPERTY - 2 Only Traffic Signal Controllers (Bid #B76-7)

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

Inasmuch as the City has solicited bids from a variety of sources and advertised the sale of these controllers with no response from other than the State of California - and inasmuch as it is our combined judgment (Purchasing and the Transportation Department) that these controllers have a judged value of \$500.00 each - it is Staff's judgment that Council accept the high bid submitted by the State of California, Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$2,120.00, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #25, 26, and #27. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

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The hour being 7:47 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Uerkwitz absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 7:49 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. City Manager Ferraro regretfully reported on the heart attack suffered by Los Angeles Times reporter, Bob Allen -- Bill Rempel -- will be pinch-hitting in his absence.

29. Director of Transportation Horkay distributed his February 3rd memorandum, of record, pertaining to SB 325 Allocations for the Torrance Transit System, and reported on the impending threat to these funds.

Following discussion, formal action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that this Council go on record urging the RTD Board to decline the strike mileage, and to concur with the Staff recommendations detailed in February 3rd memorandum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

30. City Manager Ferraro, on behalf of Councilman Uerkwitz, requested Council review re: SB 1420 (medical malpractice).

31. Councilman Armstrong announced that the delegation from Kashiwa will be in Torrance on February 19th and 20th.
32. Councilman Brewster requested Staff investigation regarding wayward golf balls from Hacker's Haven.
33. Councilman Wilson inquired regarding the status of Environmental Quality Commission review of a proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance. This will be checked out by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

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Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess at this point to permit Council review regarding Item #13. (The hour was 8:05 P.M.)

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

13. APCD REGULATIONS.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED NEW STATIONARY SOURCE REVIEW RULES FOR DETERMINING THE IMPACT ON AIR QUALITY PROPOSED BY THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD BE DELAYED UNTIL DATA HAS BEEN DEVELOPED SHOWING THE IMPACT OF THOSE RULES ON INDUSTRY IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN AREA

Prior to taking action on this matter, clarification was provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer and Mr. W.J. Hansen, 5009 Carson Street.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-17. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Uerkwitz absent).

At 8:30 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Tuesday, February 10, 1976, at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of Commission interviews. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Uerkwitz).

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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

APPROVED:

K. Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance