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Adjourned at 12:05 A.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, March 23, 1976, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Attorney Remelmeyer led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Councilman Wilson.

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The Torrance Troubadours were introduced by Mr. Ed Enrietta -- a musical presentation, thoroughly enjoyed by all present, followed. The appreciation of the Council was conveyed by Mayor Miller.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Armstrong 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 Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:Ad Hoc Committee - Downtown Torrance:

First meeting will be held on Monday, March 29th, at 7:30 P.M.

Councilman Armstrong noted his report regarding his attendance at the Washington, D.C. League meeting. Councilwoman Geissert commended this report, as well as the good job for the City with his representation.

PRESENTATIONS:8. OPERATING PROGRAM STATUS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES -
Transportation Department.

Director of Transportation Horkay's presentation was a most informative one, highly praised by the Council.

9. PRESENTATION RE: PROPOSITION 15.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

Following presentations on Proposition 15, it is requested that the subject of this Proposition, and such other Propositions on the statewide June ballot be referred to the Council Legislative Liaison Committee for study, evaluation and recommendation.

Lengthy presentations were made by Mr. Keith Davidson, 6913 Vaillon Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, representing "Californians for Nuclear Safeguards", who urged a "yes" vote on Proposition 15; Mr. Eric Randall, vice chairman, Los Angeles Section, American Nuclear Society, 6528 Madeline Cove Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, recommending a "no" vote on the subject proposition; and Mr. Ted Porter, 30206 Rhone Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, employed by Southern California Edison Company, who provided clarification on this issue, from the standpoint of the utility company, and recommended attendance of all interested parties at the Council Committee meeting.

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

Mayor Miller directed that all interested parties be notified re: the meeting date on this matter.

10. QUARTERLY BEAUTIFICATION SCENE AWARDS - Winter, 1975.

On behalf of the Torrance Environmental Quality Commission, Commissioner Rizzardi announced the following Beautification Scene Awards, with formal presentation by Mayor Miller:

Residential Land Use:

Louis and America Abad
18814 Wilton Place.

Commercial Land Use:

Daily Breeze

5215 Torrance Boulevard

Accepted by: Publisher Hubert Kaltenbach.

PUBLIC WORKS:

11. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION - Weed Abatement Program, 1976.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-46. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

12. HOLCOMBE NOISE COMPLAINT - Southern California Edison La Fresa Substation.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

It is Staff's feeling that there are many contributing factors to the noise in the area (the freeway is the prime noise source) and it is difficult to identify any single noise which may be attributable to the source of irritation experienced by the Holcombes. Further, our noise readings and noise survey indicate the problem is not a public nuisance and does not violate the provisions of our noise code.

Staff has asked the Edison Company to determine if there is any additional reasonable remedy they can offer as a solution to the problem. Edison's response is that they have spent four years and \$15,000 in time and equipment in an unsuccessful attempt to solve the problem and any further corrective action appears to be futile and purely speculative. Staff concurs -- neither the City or Edison have been able, with our equipment, to detect or identify any noise which is in violation of our criminal code. While a problem exists, it appears to be a private nuisance, rather than a public nuisance.

Therefore, Staff RECOMMENDS no further action be taken on the complaint. However, should your Honorable Body decide the problem deserves further study, we recommend that an independent noise consultant be employed to perform an analysis of the problem. The cost of a minimal study would approximate \$1500. and would include noise measurements taken by the consultant to determine the ambient and to identify the noise source; a recording of the noise would be made, and an analysis of the recording in a sound laboratory to identify any pure tone components.

Staff presentations were made by Environmental Quality Administrator Godfrey and Environmental Officer Payne.

Mrs. Pat Holcombe, 3343 West 180th Street, reiterated her complaint, of record, with specific note of the Wylie Laboratories findings; the inconvenience and continuing harrassment of the noise; the ineffective efforts of the Edison Company in providing an adequate sound barrier; item by item review of Staff report; the emotional strain created by this noise problem, etc. Mr. Julian Schmauker, a neighbor, confirmed the problems described by Mrs. Holcombe.

Next to speak was Mr. Ted Porter, Southern California Edison Company, who detailed their efforts to solve the subject noise problem -- noise violation corrections have been made, a barrier recommended by an outside consultant has been installed; the transformer has been deenergized between the hours of 9 P.M. and 7 A.M., with no weekend operation; etc. Mr. Porter acknowledged the problem, but was of the opinion that his company has done everything possible to alleviate same.

Mr. Edward L. Clark, division engineer, reported on his role in the subject problem, the remedial efforts which have been taken in this area, particularly where the transformer is concerned.

Council discussion ensued, with overall review of the noise problem as to regularity, duration, etc.; emergency telephone calls; Code noise level requirements; the need for more stringent investigation of the problem and immediate resolution thereof; legal aspects; the merits of investigation by an independent noise expert, etc.

The Council took the following action:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the City seek proposals from an independent, reputable noise expert on how best to identify the source of the noise in this particular case and how best to approach the problem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that City Manager Ferraro provide an "emergency telephone number" for use by Mrs. Holcombe during this interim period.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

13. RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT re: SCAG 1975-76 Regional Unified Work Program for Transportation Planning.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR TRANSIT PLANNING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-47. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. RESOLUTION re: filing of claim with SCAG for local transportation funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-48. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. AWARDING OF TOWING AND STORAGE CONTRACT.

Attorney Bernard O'Connor, representing R&R Automotive, stated that he had not received the supplemental material provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman in this matter -- a like situation was reported by South Bay Shell representatives.

In view of this, Councilman Armstrong moved to hold Item #15 for one week in order that this information might be provided all interested parties. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

16. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL LIMITED FUNDING POSITION - CETA Intake Units Activities.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That Council (1) approve Staff's request to create an additional Employment Counselor I position in the CETA Unit, and (2) amend the City's FY '76 Budget accordingly.

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

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

17. RESOLUTION re: Little League Lease.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE LEASE DATED APRIL 1, 1976, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE RIVIERA LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR USE AS A BALL PARK

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-49. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. WITHDRAWN.

PERSONNEL MATTER:

19. CHARGES AGAINST CITY COMMISSIONER.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council appoint a three-member Ad Hoc/fact finding Committee to investigate the charges and to make a report and recommendation to the full Council.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

This matter was referred to the present Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups and Commissions -- members are Councilmen Armstrong (chairman), Surber, and Wilson.

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MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:20. REPORT ON COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

Mayor Miller announced the following assignments, per established Council policy:

Standing Committees: Civil Service Committee:
 Councilman Rossberg, Chairperson
 Councilman Wilson
 Councilman Armstrong

Finance Committee:
 Councilwoman Geissert, Chairperson
 Councilman Brewster
 Councilman Surber

Park, Recreation and Community Development:
 Councilman Wilson, Chairperson
 Councilwoman Geissert
 Councilman Rossberg

Police, Fire and Public Safety:
 Councilman Brewster, Chairperson
 Councilman Armstrong
 Councilman Surber

Public Works Committee:
 Councilman Armstrong, Chairperson
 Councilman Wilson
 Councilwoman Geissert

Transportation Committee:
 Councilman Surber, Chairperson
 Councilman Brewster
 Councilman Rossberg

Ad Hoc Committees: Appointed Groups:
 Councilman Armstrong, Chairperson
 Councilman Surber
 Councilman Wilson

Charter Review:
 Councilman Rossberg, Chairperson
 Councilwoman Geissert
 Councilman Wilson

Del Amo Shopping Center:
 Mayor Miller, Chairperson
 Councilwoman Geissert
 Councilman Rossberg

Downtown Torrance:
 Councilman Wilson, Chairperson
 Councilwoman Geissert
 Councilman Armstrong

Legislative Liaison:

Councilman Armstrong, Chairperson
 Councilman Brewster
 Mayor Miller

Oil:

Councilman Wilson, Chairperson
 Councilman Rossberg
 (1 vacancy)

Proposed South Bay County:

Councilwoman Geissert, Chairperson
 Councilman Armstrong
 Councilman Rossberg

Sister City Program:

Councilman Armstrong, Chairperson
 Councilwoman Geissert
 Councilman Wilson

Coastal Plan:

Councilman Wilson, Chairperson
 Councilwoman Geissert
 Councilman Rossberg

Agency Selection (Skypark)

Councilwoman Geissert, Chairperson
 Councilman Brewster
 Councilman Surber

Other appointments were:

South Bay Corridor Study Steering Committee

Councilman Rossberg - Voting Delegate
 Councilman Surber - Alternate

South Bay Cities Association

Councilman Surber - Voting Delegate
 Councilman Rossberg - Alternate

County Sanitation District

Mayor Miller - Delegate
 Councilwoman Geissert - Alternate

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the above itemized appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:21. ORDINANCE NO. 2642.ORDINANCE NO. 2642

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 97.9.3 AND ADDING SECTION 97.9.34 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENCLOSURE AND TEMPORARY FENCING OF OIL WELL SITES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2642 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2643.ORDINANCE NO. 2643

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WORKING CONDITIONS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2643 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:23. RESOLUTION granting CUP 75-42, Midland Pacific Corporation.RESOLUTION NO. 76-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO 2-STORY OFFICE BUILDINGS IN THE M-2 ZONE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TOLEDO STREET AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD
(CUP 75-42, Midland Pacific Corp.
AKA M/F Development Co.)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-50. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. RESOLUTION amending Circulation Element of General Plan.RESOLUTION NO. 76-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE CIRCULATION

ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED
AUGUST 27, 1974 BY RESOLUTION NO. 74-191,
TO REALIGN THE EXTENSION OF 223rd STREET
BETWEEN WESTERN AVENUE AND MADRONA AVENUE

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-51. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Surber, Rossberg, Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller.

25. WITHDRAWN.

PLANNING HEARINGS:

26. CUP 75-3 AND PP75-1, Plaza Del Amo: Appeal of Planning Commission approval of landscape plan for the construction of a neighborhood shopping center on property located at the northwest corner of Hawthorne and Torrance Boulevards.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Assistant Planning Director Hagaman, comments from the audience were invited.

Proponent representatives were present, including Messrs. Robert Bluemen, Jerry Cramer, and Jerry Cummings. The proposed landscape plan was reviewed at length, with specific note of the fact that 13% of the parking lot is landscaped, the provision of some 110 additional 15-gallon trees, for a total count of 231 trees, with 20 trees yet to come which will be presented as part of the free-standing pads which have not been processed, with at least one more 72-inch box tree as part of the corner development at Hawthorne and Torrance Boulevards. Landscape setbacks were also pointed out. It is their feeling that their landscape plans greatly exceed those of any development along Hawthorne Boulevard.

There being no one else 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.

Council discussion followed -- Mayor Miller deemed the number of trees proposed, regardless of growth factor, by the proponent was sufficient; the additional cost represented by the larger trees, with the same end result, was inequitable.

It was noted by Councilmen Brewster and Rossberg that the cost as proposed by the proponent would be approximately \$12,000; as proposed by Staff, \$16,000; they would, therefore, support the Staff's proposal to the end that superior landscaping would result.

It was the opinion of Councilwoman Geissert that, regardless of the cost, this is an area of the City that should be tightly controlled in its development in order to achieve an aesthetically pleasing area. Mrs. Geissert likewise favored Staff's proposal.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to grant the appeal and to approve the plan submitted by the developer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that there be review regarding the possible restoration of the Del Amo Overlay Zone. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

27. V 76-2, JOHN L. and SHEILA EICHAR. Request for a variance of the off-street parking requirements in the C-2 zone to permit the use of an existing building for a chiropractic office on property located on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard between El Dorado and Sonoma Streets (1406-1408 Crenshaw Boulevard).

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

Mayor Miller announced that he would abstain in this matter in that he owns property within 300 feet of the subject area. The Mayor then departed from the Council Chambers and Mayor Pro Tem Geissert assumed leadership of the meeting, announcing that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing.

Staff presentation was made by Assistant Planning Director Hagaman, following which comments were invited from the audience.

The proponent, Dr. John Eichar, 1518 El Prado, described his need for larger quarters, as well as his recognition of past parking problems when the subject property contained the Social Security offices. Dr. Eichar then described the working arrangements, patient flow, etc. pertaining to his practice.

Mr. Carl Nichols, 1403 Beech Avenue, reviewed the history of the Social Security office parking problems, the petition of protest (of record), and urged that there be control of the variance use. Concurring in the parking problems which have been presented in this area were Ms. Ruth Kovawski, owner of adjacent office building, and Mr. Jim Ellingston, 2515 El Dorado, which residence is west of Crenshaw Boulevard.

The proposed use of the property was deemed a "good one" by Mr. Lawrence Gittschier, 1303 Acacia.

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Owners of the property, Ken Hogan, 449 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, and Glen Taylor, 8121 Heinz Avenue, North Hollywood, indicated understanding of the residents' concerns, and were of the opinion that what is now proposed would be a substantial improvement for the neighborhood.

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

Councilman Armstrong pointed out the deep appreciation of this Council for the problems which were presented by the Social Security office -- however, a more dismal situation could be presented by having the building stand empty and become an attractive nuisance. In the opinion of Mr. Armstrong, when all the C-2 possibilities are considered, the proposed use would seem to generate less traffic and less problems for the neighborhood.

A tentative motion was, therefore, offered by Councilman Armstrong: To grant the variance, concurring with the Planning Commission, and adding conditions that the subject variance applies only to this particular use, and that any use of the other rental space to be submitted to the Planning Commission for review. This motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Council discussion was then directed to limiting the use of the property for a medical office, and controls over other portions of the building which might be rented out for whatever purpose; limit of the building and its use to conform to the available parking spaces; limitation of chiropractors operating out of the facility; etc.

In view of the foregoing discussion, it was deemed appropriate to reopen the public hearing. Councilman Armstrong so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Surber, Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller.

Dr. Eichar stated that he was in full agreement with controls over further leasing of the additional space, but requested that his hands not be tied as far as further business expansion in that a 3-doctor arrangement is very much desired, in order to lighten his work load.

It was the consensus of the Council that a 3-doctor arrangement was a reasonable one, with note of the controls which could be effected.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller abstaining).

Councilman Armstrong then restated his motion, as reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of V76-2, subject to Staff conditions, adding the following conditions: That the subject Variance applies only to this particular use (specifically, chiropractic services), and that any use of the other rental space be submitted to the Planning Commission for review; further, any use beyond a three-doctor practice is also to be brought before the Planning Commission for review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert,
Rossberg, Surber, Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller.

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Mayor Miller returned to the meeting room, and the meeting was turned over to him.

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28. V 76-1, Charles and Rosemary Hrehor: Request for a Variance from Code requirements to allow construction of an addition in excess of 50% of existing floor area without constructing a double garage in the R-1 zone on property located at 2823 Alberta Street.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing. Assistant Planning Director Hagaman noted the recommendation for approval by both the Planning Commission and the Planning Department.

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

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of V 76-1, subject to Staff conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:29. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$483.99 to Moore Business Forms, Inc. for the printing of City of Torrance payroll checks as requested by the Finance Department.
2. \$309.67 to Muncie Reclamation & Supply Company for miscellaneous GMC bus rebuilt repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
3. \$313.48 to Shepherd Machinery Company to overhaul a Caterpillar Crawler clutch as requested by the City Garage for Unit #9402.
4. \$1,634.85 to Smith & Hartford Custom Coach for necessary repairs to City Bus #352.
5. \$754.72 to Grolier Educational Corporation for eight sets of reference books as requested by the Library Department.
6. \$464.00 to Standard & Poors Corporation for two renewal subscriptions for stock market reports and industry survey publications requested by the Library Dept.
7. \$395.00 to Bell & Howell Micro-Photo Division for the renewal of two subscriptions to the Los Angeles Times and Wall Street Journal on microfilm for reference work.
8. \$793.76 to Southwest Printing & Litho Company for the printing of City of Torrance envelopes and letterhead for City officials and City Departments, as requested by the Central Services Division.
9. \$337.72 to Bevco Stationers for miscellaneous stationary items, as requested by the Central Services Division.
10. \$474.09 to Cal Pacific Business Forms for the printing of basic Police forms entitled "Supplementary Report and Continuation Sheet," as requested by the Police Dept.
11. \$676.45 to Western Water Works Supply Company for twelve 4-inch water pipe repair clamps as requested by the Water Department.
12. \$542.72 to Hersey Products, Inc. for one only 3-inch Hersey water meter as requested by the Water Department for installation at the T. Cottone service. Payment has already been received for this service.

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13. \$17,248.32 to Target Chemical for an annual contract to purchase the insecticide called "Dursban" as requested by the Park Services and Street-Tree Divisions.
14. \$430.10 to Torrance Auto Body to repair as required City Vehicle #7173 involved in an accident.

30. CLASS SPECIFICATION STUDY - Library Aide.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That the revised class specification of Library Assistant be adopted, and, further, that all incumbents in the class of Library Aide be recognized as having continued regular Civil Service standing (whether it be probationary, permanent or temporary) in the revised class specification of Library Assistant.

31. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 31442.

Subdivider: Sabatassa Development Company

Bonding Company: American Motorists Insurance Company

<u>TYPE BOND</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	4SM-163-822	\$21,500
Payment	4SM-163-822	10,750
Inspection	4SM-163-819	1,500

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #29, 30, and #31. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 11:00 P.M., Councilman Wilson 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. The Council returned to its agenda at 11:01 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that an Executive Session was necessary to discuss pending litigation.

33. Councilman Armstrong reported on the real concerns of Torrance residents regarding avigation easement requirements as conditions for property use, improvement or development. Mr. Armstrong requested City Attorney and Staff review of this matter. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

34. Councilman Surber recommended that the City of Torrance, as did Rolling Hills Estates, bill the United States Government for the cost of the bilingual ballot.

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35. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition for the efforts of some 150 young people via the North Torrance Stake of the Latter Day Saints Church in cleaning up the Delthorne Park area.

36. Mayor Miller noted receipt of City Flag prototypes and requested Committee review of same, as well as recognition of the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild for their generous donation of a college scholarship to the student who submitted the winning design -- the winner being Miss Carol Parchen.

37. Mr. Jim Davis, 2618 Brian Avenue, noted the formation of the Hillside Residents Association and their desire to cooperate with the Council in the best interests of all concerned.

Mr. Davis also noted the prohibitive costs of the bilingual ballot and the unfair burden created thereby. Councilman Rossberg added his opinion that the City does have the obligation at the next election to estimate those costs, with the establishment of a maximum figure.

Councilwoman Geissert recommended Staff review regarding election procedures in general, with ultimate referral to a Council Ad Hoc Committee.

38. Mr. Charles Hosler, 22311 Marjorie, representing the Volunteer Tax Center, located at the Plunge, expressed appreciation for the use of this building -- to date, some 4,000 people have been served at this location.

Recognition of this volunteer effort was recommended by Councilman Wilson.

39. Mr. Don Wilson, Jr., 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, requested Council approval of a Final Tract Map 26854.

City Engineer Weaver confirmed that all conditions have been met, and approval of the request was recommended.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer for approval of the subject Final Tract Map. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

40. Mrs. Pat Tyrrell, president, League of Women Voters, stated that the League and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce are studying the problem of the declining voter registration -- a registrar training session has been scheduled for April 8th from 12 Noon to 3:00 P.M. by the League; the Chamber will reach out to industry and business to convince them regarding the importance of permanent, on-site registrars.

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41. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

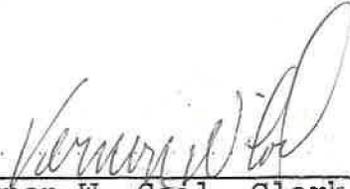
At 11:25 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 12:03 A.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney to make a settlement offer to Fujita in the 235th/Madrona litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 12:05 A.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance