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Adjourned at 9:03 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, May 4, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg, Surber, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 6:25 P.M. Absent: Councilman Wilson.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Pat McLain led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend C. Clark Overland, First Lutheran Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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 Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

No reports.

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PRESENTATION:

8. INTRODUCTION of Mr. Ronald L. McDaniel, new Manager, Torrance City Employees Federal Credit Union.

Credit Union president, Mr. Dave Crockett, introduced, with much pleasure, new Credit Union Manager, Ronald L. McDaniel -- Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, welcomed him to this new post and wished him every success.

PROCLAMATION:

9. POLICE WEEK - May 9-15, 1976.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC WORKS:

10. REPORT OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK, AND DRIVEWAYS at various locations.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council set 6:00 P.M. on May 18, 1976, in the Council Chambers, Torrance City Hall, as the time and place for a hearing on the subject report of cost of construction.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

11. RESOLUTION re: agreement to purchase property at Cabrillo and 237th Place.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAID CITY AND JOSEPH C. LONGO AND VIVIAN M. LONGO FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT CABRILLO AND 237TH PLACE AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$44,500

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-93. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

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TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE setting speed limit on Prairie Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and 190th Street.

ORDINANCE NO. 2651

(Ordinance "A")

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.10.4 OF ARTICLE 10 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FORTY (40) MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT FOR STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2651 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

13. ATTENDANCE OF HUMAN RESOURCE COMMISSIONER AT LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES HUMAN RESOURCES INSTITUTE.

RECOMMENDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION:

That Council approve the request to appropriate funds not to exceed \$150 to send one Human Resources Commissioner to the third annual Human Resources Institute.

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE:

If Council authorizes this request, an appropriation of \$150 is necessary from the General Fund Reserve.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Human Resources Commission, and to approve an appropriation not to exceed \$150 from the General Fund Reserve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-94

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 JON-ELL ENGINEERING COMPANY AND AMPCO METAL DIVISION OF AMPCO-PITTSBURGH CORPORATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-94. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was

unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE amending Employee Relations Ordinance.
(Employee Relations Committee)

ORDINANCE NO. 2652

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.8.7
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISH-
ING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EMPLOYEE
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2652 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

16. RESOLUTION granting disability retirement to Thomas G. Taylor on a non-industrial basis.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-95**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE UPHOLDING THE DECISION OF
THE CITY MANAGER GRANTING DISABILITY RETIRE-
MENT TO THOMAS G. TAYLOR ON A NON-INDUSTRIAL
BASIS

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-95. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

** (Considered later in the meeting -- See Page 5.)

Attorney John Furey, representing Thomas Taylor, stated that a decision at this time would be premature in that the matter is yet to be decided by the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board.

It was the finding of City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Council should go forward in this case and make its own decision, regardless of the right of appeal to Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board. Mr. Remelmeyer then indicated his desire to confer further in this regard, and Mayor Miller directed that this item be held for later in the meeting. (See Page 5).

17. EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Approve and adopt classification of Equipment Coordinator.
2. Adopt subject ordinance.
3. Refer the issue of the continued standing of Jesse Cahill in the new classification to the Civil Service Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 2653AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.53.1
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney, and to approve Ordinance No. 2653 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Ben Kidner, president, AFSCME, reviewed the past history in this matter, dating back some 33 months and the advent of "Reorganization No. 16", and deemed this a personal matter which has been kicked back and forth with no one wanting to "carry the ball" -- Mr. Cahill is deserving of the position, and such action should be taken without further delays.

Discussion was directed to Civil Service Commission action to "receive and file" the matter of continued Civil Service standing of the employee. Executive Officer Donovan clarified the Commission's finding that the position should be filled in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations by examination. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that such finding is not reflected in the record.

Also noted by the Council was the fact that there was no alternative but to return the issue of continued standing for Mr. Cahill to the Civil Service Commission, per recommendation #3. It was the direction of the Council that this be expedited, with definite action to be taken by the Civil Service Commission, and returned to the May 11th Council agenda.

Roll call vote on Councilman Surber's motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

The Council now returned to:

16. DISABILITY RETIREMENT - Thomas G. Taylor.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reaffirmed his previously expressed opinion that the Council should proceed in the adoption of Resolution No. 76-95. Attorney Furey stated that such action would be meaningless. Mayor Miller pointed out that the resolution is a formal document of the Council decision, of record, and should, therefore, be adopted.

Councilman Armstrong thereupon restated his motion: That the Council adopt Resolution No. 76-95. His motion was again seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

18. RESOLUTION for Grand Marshal of the Armed Forces Day Parade, Lt. General Edward M. Flanagan, Jr.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION TO THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL EDWARD M. FLANAGAN, JR., COMMANDING GENERAL, SIXTH UNITED STATES ARMY, FOR SERVING AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-85. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

19. RESOLUTION appointing Robert J. Hill to be the small claims representative for the City of Torrance.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING ROBERT J. HILL TO BE SMALL CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-96. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Wilson absent).

20. ORDINANCE providing for the refund for payment of the Park and Recreation Facilities Tax for replacement of an owner-occupied single-family dwelling unit under certain circumstances. (Ordinance "B")

ORDINANCE NO. 2654

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 223.2.5 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A REFUND FOR PAYMENT OF THE PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN OWNER-OCCUPIED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT

Councilman Surber moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2654 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg, Surber, Mayor Miller.
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (just arrived at meeting).
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCE:21. ORDINANCE NO. 2649.ORDINANCE NO. 2649

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 35.1.13
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERMITTING
MINORS TO ENTER INTO CARD ROOMS USED
EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PLAYING OF DUPLICATE
BRIDGE

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2649 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:22. HILLSIDE ORDINANCE.RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION/PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

That the Hillside Ordinance be amended to include the following:

1. That there be a Precise Plan on all hillside lots (This would also require additions to existing homes on hillside lots to have a Precise Plan approved prior to construction).
2. That a hillside lot shall be defined on the basis of "existing grade", not finished grade; and
3. That the word "usable" in connection with open space be eliminated.

Staff presentation was provided by Planning Director Shartle, it being recommended that the City Attorney be directed to prepare an ordinance to amend the necessary sections of the Hillside Ordinance.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Council/audience discussion was invited by Mayor Miller prior to taking action on the above motion. Specifically noted by Councilman Brewster was the need for the establishment of a policy relative to height vs. setback, in view of the unattractive appearance of some of the 35 ft. structures; and by Councilwoman Geissert, the absence of any flat area between the rear of house and the hillside. Planning Director Shartle acknowledged the need for developing pertinent policies for Council review and approval.

Mr. Joe Clukey, 856 Calle de Arboles, stated that the Riviera Homeowners Association is definitely in favor of the Precise Plan requirement, and urged that there be a further

requirement for rear yards at least 15 ft. from the building, which would benefit all concerned.

Mr. Fred Smith, 4730 Via Corona, expressed his concerns were development to occur on Vista Montana -- there would be traffic problems, land slippage possibilities, and it was his request that all building on Vista Montana be stopped.

The next speaker was Mr. James McKee, 4405 Paseo de las Tortugas, who pointed out that the 10 lots on Vista Montana have been assessed at somewhat less than \$120,000, as well as the fact that the City has expended a considerable sum for Converse Davis and like studies, with an adequate geological survey costing between \$50,000 and \$100,000 -- in the opinion of Mr. McKee it would be valuable to compare that with the total cost of buying the subject property for the City.

Mrs. Ruby McKee, 4405 Paseo de las Tortugas, reviewed her continuing concerns in this matter: the status of the Converse Davis Dixon reports; appropriations therefor; the elimination of the yard concept from the hillside ordinance; the "hacking away" at the hillside by the builders and the resultant unattractive structures; the need for more stringent requirements and Code enforcement; etc. It was the request of Mrs. McKee that all engineering and geology reports be written in accordance with the Division of Mines and Geology format.

It was the recommendation of Councilwoman Geissert, at this point in the meeting, that this matter be held in order to permit further review regarding a possible Code provision to insure a flat separation between a house and the hillside; the obtaining of pertinent hillside ordinances from other cities; and Staff preparation of appropriate guidelines for hillside development.

Councilman Brewster indicated a desire for information as to whether or not there is some technical geological safety kind of preference for having a flat area with a retaining wall at the back rather than having the slope come to the edge of the house.

Speaking at this time, Mrs. Marion Hoffman, 24890 Via Valmonte, pointed out that a Precise Plan would avoid the type of construction now in evidence on Via Valmonte.

Councilman Surber's motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department and Planning Commission carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (would rather wait for
two weeks)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

Further action was taken by the Council, as follows:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Planning Staff return to the Council within three weeks with various proposals and possibilities for Code provisions re: a separation between the rear wall of a house on hillside property, and a further report regarding safety factors and the geological concept of what is involved in such arrangement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

23. GARY BAYLESS DISCIPLINARY MATTER.

Heard later in the meeting - See below.**

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

24. SIGN APPEAL FOR HILLSIDE VILLAGE SKI AND SPORTS SHOP,
located at 24584 Hawthorne Boulevard.

RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL by Environmental Quality Commission and Environmental Quality Division, Building and Safety Department.

Staff presentation was made by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

The proponent, Mr. Frank Reaves, described at length the identification problems at this shopping center and the resultant financial difficulties of businesses located there, with particular note of his imperative need for the wooden painted wall sign denied by the Environmental Quality Commission.

Council discussion ensued, and the described difficulties were generally acknowledged. It was the recommendation of Building and Safety Director McKinnon that the subject sign remain for a 90-day period, during which time Staff will arrange a meeting with property owner and tenants to see what might be worked out.

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

The hour of 7:20 P.M. having arrived, the Council returned to:

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

** 23. GARY BAYLESS DISCIPLINARY MATTER.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place for the continued hearing in the Gary Bayless disciplinary matter, and noted that the City Council, at its meeting of April 13, 1976, heard Mr. Bayless' appeal of the decision of the Civil Service Commission which sustained his discharge by the City Manager and the Fire Chief. The Mayor further advised that after hearing the

case, the Council ordered same under advisement and continued to this time and place.

Procedures to be followed were outlined by Mayor Miller -- concurrence with these procedures was indicated by all interested parties.

Councilwoman Geissert who was not present at the April 13th hearing advised that she has read the transcript and listened to the tape of that hearing -- City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that it would be in order for her to participate in these deliberations and in the decision.

Attorney Steve Berman, representing Mr. Bayless, provided the latest supplemental medical report provided by Dr. Elaine Lewis, psychotherapist. It was the added comment of Mr. Berman that he has received citizen input since the April 13th hearing to the effect that they would have no qualms about the integrity of the Fire Department were Mr. Bayless returned to his position; the fact that other Fire Fighters in like situations were not discharged was also reiterated by Mr. Berman.

The subject medical report was reviewed by the Council; it was found that it was not new evidence. Councilman Surber MOVED that the report be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson offered comments pertaining to the City's findings in past cases, the factors involved, and the resultant decision -- in the case of Mr. Bayless, he had confessed to a series of acts over a period of time; further, the incident took place while he was on duty and in uniform -- also considered was his past performance and record of disciplinary actions.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the Council recess for the purpose of a Personnel Session to consider the subject matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). (The hour was 7:35 P.M.)

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer that they be exempted from the Personnel Session. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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The Council returned at 7:45 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved that the Council uphold the decision of the Civil Service Commission upholding the discharge of Gary Bayless by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

25. CITIZEN APPEAL of recommendation to deny request for installation of a midblock crosswalk on 229th Place at Sam Levy School.

Staff presentation was provided by Associate Transportation Engineer Collins, with note of the fact that the request had originated from Councilman Surber.

It was the further request of Councilman Surber that, in addition to the subject problem, Staff study the feasibility of placing a STOP sign at 229th Place and Madison.

Councilman Brewster recommended that consideration be given red curbing the railroad right-of-way area; the installation of YIELD, rather than STOP, signs; painting of a crosswalk, and provide yellow striping some 20-40 feet on each side of the crosswalk. This recommendation met with the approval of the Council.

Present on this matter ^{was} /Mrs. Sharon Reasor, 3430 West 227th Place, who indicated resident approval regarding a red curb and a crosswalk.

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

Mrs. Peggy Hollander, representing the residents of New Horizons, conveyed their appreciation for the stop signs and crosswalks recently installed at Nadine Circle and 229th Place. Support of the subject request was also indicated by Mrs. Hollander.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:26. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$1119.01 to M.H. Powell Company for replacement sections of a steel guard rail on Crenshaw Boulevard, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
2. \$1062.12 to Blinker Lite Supply Company for the purchase of 150 traffic barricades, as requested by the Street Department, required as replacements.
3. \$312.70 to Inglewood Stationers for a supply of "Evidence Envelopes" requested by the Police Dept.
4. \$390.41 to Van Lingen Body Shop, Inc. for necessary repairs to City Vehicle #8082 involved in an accident.
5. \$698.54 to Needham Book Finders for 145 library books.
6. \$1121.93 to Aldine Books for 182 library books.
7. \$362.52 to Toro Pacific Distributor, Inc. for the purchase of two replacement sprinkler controllers to replace sprinkler controllers on Calle Mayor median strip, requested by the Park Services Division.
8. \$343.44 to Cable Company for the purchase of required 5/16" (7x19) wire center cable required by the Garage Department.
9. \$834.90 to Centerline Products Company for necessary replacement parts for street spray painting equipment, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
10. \$8000.00 to Norelco Corporation to cooperatively purchase with the State of California on an annual contract to supply incandescent, fluorescent, mercury and miscellaneous lamps, as required, by the Custodial and Transportation Departments. (Street lighting; traffic signals)
Ref. Cooperative purchase agreement with the State of California.
Re: Contract Number 1-76-70-1.

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Demolition, site clearance and grubbing at Sur La Brea Park - Bid #B76-19.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the Rosenthal Wrecking Company be permitted to WITHDRAW their bid since it resulted from an error and that the bid be AWARDED instead to E&G CONTRACTORS, INC., the second low bidder, and that an amount of \$3,975 be allocated from the Sur La Brea Park Fund for this purpose.

28. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 31547.
 Subdivider: D.G.H. Corporation (Donald G. Hunt)
 Bonding Co.: Fidelity and Deposit Company of
 Maryland

<u>TYPE BOND</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	8821078	\$ 3150.00
Payment	8821078	1575.00
Inspection	8821079	1000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
 That subject bonds be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #26, 27, and #28. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

- 28A. PROCLAMATIONS (Information Items B,C and D)

HIRE A VETERAN WEEK - May 2-8, 1976.

NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK - May 9, 1976.

ANTI-LITTER MONTH - May, 1976.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

29. RESOLUTION commending Captain Joseph J. Rochefort.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING CAPTAIN JOSEPH J. ROCHEFORT, USN RETIRED, A HERO OF WORLD WAR II, UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS COORDINATOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER ORGANIZATION FOR AREA G

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-97. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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The hour being 8:12 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 8:14 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. Councilman Brewster requested that a congratulatory note go forward to new School Board member, Dr. Robert McLemore.

31. It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that speedy recovery wishes be sent to Planning Associate Carl Busse, injured in a motorcycle accident.

32. Councilwoman Geissert requested Council consideration re: revising the Low Interest Home Loan Guidelines to allow a homeowner to do desired remodeling himself. Staff was directed to report back in this regard.

33. Councilman Rossberg expressed his appreciation to those responsible for the recent Metropolitan Water District Tour -- a most rewarding and informative experience, per Mr. Rossberg.

34. Mrs. Eleanor Nowicki, 2535 West 232nd Street, offered the following: (1) a thank you to the City for the volley ball court at Hickory Park; (2) as Torrance representative for the South Bay Fair Housing Coalition, expressed concern for Torrance black families, in view of recent cross-burning activities, and asked for appropriate police protection; (3) noted the likelihood of Revenue Sharing funds for the South Bay Fair Housing Coalition; and (4) requested that this group be represented in the Armed Forces Day Parade.

35. City Clerk Coil requested, on behalf of Water Commissioner Charles Brandt, an excused absence from the May 8th meeting of the Water Commission, as he will be out of the country on that date. Councilman Surber MOVED to grant the subject request; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

36. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: FUJITA LITIGATION.

At 8:45 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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

The Council returned at 9:31 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the City Attorney's recommendation regarding an offer of settlement in the Fujita matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Wilson).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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