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Adjourned at 11:30 P.M. to Monday, May 24, 1976,  
at 5:30 P.M.

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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, May 18, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Finance Director Dundore led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend William J. Roleder, First Lutheran Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 1976 and April 20, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson 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 Wilson absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Legislative Liaison:

Will meet on May 20th at 5:00 P.M.

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Finance Committee:

Will review 7 proposals received from CPA firms interested in auditing the City's records for the 1976-77 fiscal year, and a recommendation will be forthcoming to the Council.

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Councilman Armstrong advised that it would be necessary for him to leave the meeting early because of his involvement in a program this date at Torrance High School.

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PRESENTATIONS:8. BICENTENNIAL PRESENTATION.

Torrance Bicentennial Committee Organizational Chairman, Ed Enrietta, reported on the activities of Torrance high school students in the observance of this Bicentennial Year.

South High's efforts were described by Senior Class President, Peggy McDonald -- also presented was a Bicentennial Quilt, handmade by students at Sepulveda Elementary School.

Mayor Miller commended the outstanding efforts of the South High students, and the time consuming workmanship reflected in the Bicentennial Quilt made by Sepulveda School students.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved that City plaques be given to the appropriate class members at Sepulveda School in recognition of this talent. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Enrietta indicated, at the request of Councilwoman Geissert, that he would try to arrange for a display of the quilt at City Hall.

9. BEAUTIFICATION SCENE AWARDS - Spring, 1976.

Mr. Gary Cramer, chairman, Environmental Quality Commission, made the following Beautification Scene Awards:

Residential Land Use:

Eleazar and Virginia Ybarra  
2411 Del Amo Boulevard

Commercial Land Use:

Matlow-Kennedy  
3715 Lomita Boulevard

Industrial Land Use:

Harpers of California  
2727 Maricopa Street

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. HAPPINESS THROUGH BETTER MENTAL HEALTH - May, 1976.
11. PARKS AND RECREATION DAY - May 23, 1976.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC WORKS:

12. RETAINING WALL, CURB, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS ON VIA VALMONTE SOUTH OF PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$12,000 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds be appropriated for the construction of the subject retaining wall.

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

13. YOUTH CAMP AT NORTHWEST CORNER DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND PRAIRIE AVENUE - Restoration of Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Council authorize the payment of \$3,500 to the Torrance Civitan Club and the Kiwanis Club of Torrance as co-sponsors of the Youth Camp. This procedure has the concurrence of Union Carbide Corporation.

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

14. RELOCATION OF PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING.  
Crenshaw Boulevard to Prairie Avenue (B 75-56)  
Job No. 76516 and 66073.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work by Joseph F. Bester be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor.

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

FIREWORKS MATTERS:

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  1. APPEAL OF B'NAI BRITH - Torrance 2523 of the denial of a fireworks stand license.
  2. REQUEST OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES re: fireworks stands bordering the Peninsula.
  3. APPEAL OF SAM LEVY, CITY OF HOPE, of the denial for a free fireworks license.

1. Appeal by B'Nai B'Rith of Denial of Fireworks Stand Permit.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/LICENSE SUPERVISOR:

Since the total number of approved fireworks stand permits for 1976 is already in conformance with City Council policy, the License Review Board and the Finance Department can only recommend that the appeal be denied.

Further, if it is the intent of the Council to follow the practice of allowing fireworks stands in excess of the number specified in the City Code, it is recommended that the City Attorney be directed to prepare an amendment to Section 33.11.7 accordingly.

Representing B'Nai B'Rith, Ms. Renie Rodson, 4814 Asteria Street, advised that their first application for a fireworks stand license had been submitted in 1967, which was turned down at that time because prior year licensees were given preference. Since that time, per Ms. Rodson, B'Nai B'Rith has regularly applied for this license; to date such application has been unsuccessful -- an appeal has never been made in that they were under the assumption that the License Review Board decision was final. Having now learned of the Council appeal route, and the appeals which were granted by the Council in 1975, their appeal is submitted at this time. Ms. Rodson further advised that they have a location (Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway); the application has been filed in a timely manner, and such application has been denied -- Council approval of this appeal was requested, in view of the many charitable efforts of this organization.

Also present on behalf of B'Nai B'Rith was Mr. Ziggy Gottlieb, 3627 West 171st Street, who joined in urging Council approval of the subject appeal.

Council discussion was directed to the established Council policy in the matter of fireworks stands licenses, the "list", etc. Councilwoman Geissert was of the opinion that it might be well to permit any qualified group, willing to pay the license fee, to set up a fireworks stand - an arrangement which would be self-regulating, from an economic point of view. Mayor Miller responded that it would be "death on wheels" to so open this up on a strictly competitive basis -- there is a serious need for City control of these stands. The past history in the evolvement of the present procedure was related by the Mayor. Also recalled were past approvals for organizations not on the "list", the likely need for a "waiting list", the merits of case-by-case treatment, possible ordinance revisions, etc.

Councilwoman Geissert clarified that her above comment in no way defended the selling of fireworks without City controls and License Review Board review of applicants, location, etc.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that there be a modification of the current ordinance to reflect that the permanent list of licensees for fireworks stands will be calculated on the ratio of one for every 5,000 population

but never less than 30 -- that a permanent waiting list be established -- further, that there be a second calculation in the formula based on the number of stands allowed on a ratio of one for every 4,000 population, which will yield a different number; that the difference between the permanent licenses allowed under the formula, and the recommended second calculation, would be temporary year-to-year licenses to be rotated among the organizations on the waiting list.

Discussion resumed, and formal action ultimately taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to grant the appeal of B'Nai B'Rith, such approval of a fireworks stand to be on a one year basis and not to be considered again until Council has determined, on the basis of recommendation from Staff, what the policy should be; further, that B'Nai B'Rith will be kept on the "waiting list" in the number one spot -- the foregoing approval subject to Fire Chief and Building and Safety Director approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to instruct Staff to review the entire fireworks stands package of ordinances and policies -- such review and analysis to include but not be limited to the above recommendation by Councilman Brewster and the matters of the list-keeping policy, possibilities of purging the list, the process of notification and maintaining the list, notifying rights of appeal -- the entire gamit of those matters discussed this date and in past years -- all to be in a form for Council discussion and evaluation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Rossberg, Surber.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller (satisfied with existing ordinance)  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Councilman Wilson.

2. Request of Rolling Hills Estates re: fireworks stands bordering the Peninsula.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City require licensees to have signing on each firework stand designating cities on the Peninsula which do not allow fireworks.

Dr. Davies, 4600 Paseo de las Tortugas, director of the Burn Unit at Torrance Memorial Hospital, reported on his personal experience with victims of fireworks burns -- a City this modern and so enlightened should not persist in promulgating an expansion of a system of celebrating the 4th of July in a manner that destroys and injures children. Mayor Miller stated that he wished

these comments had been forthcoming earlier in the meeting, and indicated his interest in receiving more information from Dr. Davies regarding this aspect of the fireworks matter.

Representing the WALTERIA Businessmen's Association, Mr. Gary Ollis, 3822 Newton Street, recommended that the proposed signing state that where fireworks are sold is where it is legal to use them, rather than defining specific areas.

Council discussion was directed to appropriate signing which resulted in the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the City develop a sign which can be used in a clearly visible location regarding the cities in which the discharge of fireworks is illegal, subject to Staff requirements, with the general idea of 2 signs per stand, and wording regarding the fact that fireworks are permitted in the City of Torrance but warning purchasers to check the local ordinances of other cities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

(Councilman Armstrong left the meeting at this time, the hour being 7:20 P.M.)

3. Appeal of SAM LEVY CHAPTER, CITY OF HOPE, of the denial for a free fireworks license.

RECOMMENDATION OF LICENSE REVIEW BOARD/FINANCE DEPT.  
That the request for a free license be DENIED.

On behalf of the Sam Levy Chapter, City of Hope, Mrs. Diane Scharfman reiterated their request of record (communication of May 14, 1976) and outlined the recognized charitable contributions of this organization.

It was the expressed opinion of City Attorney Remelmeyer that waiver of the subject fees is not possible under the ordinance. It was, therefore, the regretful consensus of the Council that the request be denied. Mayor Miller so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson).

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The hour being 7:25 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 5-minute recess.

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BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:16. HILLSIDE MORATORIUM, Phase II, Geologic Study.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/  
CITY ENGINEER:

It is the opinion of the Building and Safety Director, the City Engineer, and Mr. Roy Hoffman, Chief Geologist of Converse Davis Dixon and Associates that the work outlined in Tasks 1 and 2 are the most important objectives of Phase II and should be completed to give us enough geologic, engineering and scientific data to control future construction on the hillside.

Task 5 is important because it will wrap up all of the material necessary to make presentations to the City Council, homeowners and Staff.

The completion of Tasks 3 and 4 bear significant costs and it is our firm belief that the financial burden for this type of investigation should be borne by the developers and should not be taken from the General Fund.

Therefore, we RECOMMEND the following:

That Task 1, in an amount not to exceed \$4,800; Task 2, in an amount not to exceed \$5,700; and Task 5, in an amount not to exceed \$1,350, be approved; and that Converse Davis Dixon and Associates, Geological Consultants, complete the Phase II work as recommended by the Building and Safety Director and the City Engineer, in accordance with their letter dated May 11, 1976.

Staff presentation and desired clarification was provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon and Mr. Roy Hoffman, Chief Geologist, Converse Davis Dixon and Associates.

Representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Spencer Willens urged that the whole study be undertaken, with testing costs to be prorated to existing undeveloped lots as is done in weed abatement projects. It was the further recommendation of Mr. Willens that the existing moratorium be extended thereby insuring the safety of hillside residents and a complete presentation by the consultant and Staff.

Dr. W.D. Davies, 4600 Paseo de las Tortugas, reviewed his fears regarding the recent Guatemala earthquake and the hillside slippage which occurred there, and noted the possibility of a like occurrence in Southern California. Dr. Davies then pointed out slippage sites in the subject area, and reiterated his overall concerns. Building and Safety Director McKinnon reported his first hand knowledge regarding the Guatemala earthquake -- the exceedingly poor construction, as well as the geological differences in that country must be taken into consideration in properly weighing that disaster.

Mrs. Ruby McKee restated her concerns of record regarding hillside development in this area, based on geology reports of record -- of further concern to her was the possibility of the taxpayers having to pay for all the geology to be done to help the builders build in an area of long standing concern to the residents.

There was further clarification, particularly in the area of faults, by Messrs. McKinnon and Hoffman.

It was stated by Councilman Brewster that the only question before the Council this date is whether or not to proceed with the next step in this information-gathering process -- Mr. Brewster, therefore, offered the following:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the Staff recommendation of the City Engineer and Building and Safety Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Council discussion ensued, prior to roll call vote on the above motion. It was the opinion of Councilwoman Geissert that the entire slope should be studied and a full report should be made, rather than having Tasks 3 and 4 assumed by the developer -- the savings to the City was acknowledged by Mrs. Geissert, but it was her belief that the very best information can only be obtained by a full report from the consultant.

The above motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Rossberg,  
Surber; Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (for above stated reason).  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Wilson.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$11,850 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve for the above purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

17. REPORT RE: DOG DEFECATION NUISANCES.

The Environmental Quality Commission/Staff report of May 12, 1976 in the subject matter was reviewed by the Council.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to file. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

Councilwoman Geissert stated that her "no" vote was for the reason that she felt that Staff condition #1 - "Direct the City Attorney to draft the appropriate ordinance change as proposed by the Commission." - should be implemented. Concurrence with this opinion was indicated by Councilman Rossberg, hence his "no" vote.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

18. ANALYSIS OF PROPOSITIONS R AND T on JUNE 8, 1976 BALLOT.  
"SUNSET COAST LINE" Rail Transit Proposal.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

Because of insufficient and continually changing data, the real impact to the City and our residents cannot be accurately determined. If this system is constructed, we can anticipate significant environmental and cost impacts. The Department of Transportation cannot support a project of this magnitude with so many unknowns which will affect the life style of over 7 million residents of the County.

The Department of Transportation recommends that your Honorable Body oppose Proposition R and Proposition T on the June 8, 1976 ballot.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Prior to taking action on the above motion, Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Representing the League of Women Voters, its president, Mrs. Pat Tyrrell made a formal statement (dated May 18, 1976, of record) wherein the League supports Propositions R and T as a line haul system urgently needed for Los Angeles County, and deemed it a workable system for the following reasons:

1. Use of existing rights of way and travel patterns;
2. No large scale community disruption;
3. Existing technology;
4. Local design decisions;
5. Financing Plan
  - a. Tied to economic change and
  - b. Provides future operating costs;
6. Not dependent on Federal or State funds or restrictions;
7. Can move now, without further expensive surveys and studies.

Mr. Jonathan Beaty, Senior Deputy to Supervisor Baxter Ward, was present to respond to the Staff report, some apparent misunderstandings and problems outlined therein, and to provide extensive clarification pertaining to the "Sunset Coast Line" proposal.

Next to speak was Mr. Doeschel, 325 Olive Avenue, Long Beach, who indicated his strong opposition to this ballot measure.

Council discussion ensued, with further input by Mr. Beaty. Councilman Brewster outlined his concerns in this matter, questioned the wisdom of rushing same to the June 8th ballot, and noted the substantial financial impact which would result. Certain of the contents of the RTD "Sunset Coast Line" brochure were criticized by Councilman Brewster, as was the fact that certain questions directed to RTD regarding the effect of the system on this community remain unanswered -- the only response being "Many of the questions posed in your letter are answered by the information in this brochure." The answers are not in the brochure, per Mr. Brewster. In conclusion, Mr. Brewster again indicated his objections to asking the voters to write a check, with a vague picture of what is being purchased, in the building of what would be the largest regional public works project ever undertaken in this nation.

A different opinion was offered by Mayor Miller: This process has taken place, year after year, and it has ever been felt that there is a need for more planning, etc.; it will continue to be that way, until the point of no return has been reached. The matter will return - at a much greater cost; the subject plan has much merit, per the Mayor, and it has his wholehearted support.

Councilman Surber's motion to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation to oppose Proposition R and Proposition T carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Rossberg, Surber,  
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (concurrs with the Mayor);  
 Mayor Miller.  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Wilson.

19. RESOLUTION authorizing aerial sign towing business on the Torrance Airport.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-100 \*\* (Number not used;  
 item held - page 10)

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 AGREEMENT BY AND  
 BETWEEN SAID CITY AND NANCY B. CREWS, dba  
 SUPER CUB SERVICES, GRANTING THE NON-  
 EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING AN AERIAL  
 SIGN TOWING BUSINESS ON THE TORRANCE  
 AIRPORT

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-100; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Councilman Rossberg questioned whether Paragraph 7 Advertising covered all sign towing companies or is it just directed to this one? Also noted by Councilman Brewster was the need for clarification in the wording regarding the power of the City to review and approve all advertising related to this business.

\*\* A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Rossberg: That Item #19 be held for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson).

20. RESOLUTION supporting the City of Burbank's efforts to retain the Hollywood-Burbank Airport for operation under public ownership.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE CITY OF BURBANK IN ITS EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE AND OPERATE THE HOLLYWOOD-BURBANK AIRPORT AS A PUBLIC FACILITY IN THE NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-100. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. RESOLUTION re: South Bay Burglary Team Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH BAY CHIEFS OF POLICE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-101. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson).

22. WITHDRAWN.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-102

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 PARNELLI JONES ENTERPRISES

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-102. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson).

24. MANPOWER PLANNING COUNCIL - New Member.RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE:

That Mr. George Wolf be approved as a member of the Manpower Planning Council.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Civil Service Committee; the motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson absent).

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:25. RESOLUTION re: agreement with Southern California Edison Company for use of Post Substation Site.RESOLUTION NO. 76-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR THE USE OF THE POST SUBSTATION SITE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES TO RELEASE A CERTAIN PORTION OF SAID LAND  
(235th and Elm Streets)

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-103. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson absent).

26. PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1976-77.RECOMMENDATIONS OF PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

1. Appropriate \$27,000 now for rehabilitation of domestic water supply on twelve parks as part of 1976-77 Capital Improvement Budget.
2. Continue to hold in reserve \$302,000 from the 1975-76 program for first phase development of Delthorne Park pending final adoption of Master Plan and Environmental Impact Report some time in July, 1976.
3. Carry over the contingency fund of \$29,000 from the 1975-76 Capital Improvement Program to be added to the contingency fund of \$35,000 in the proposed 1976-77 program. The \$64,000 would be a contingency for the proposed projects.
4. Approve the recommended list of projects for the 1976-77 Capital Improvement Program with actual appropriations to be made later in 1976-77 as Park and Recreation Facilities Tax revenue becomes available, except:
  - a. Specifically include in the City's 1976-77 Capital Improvement Budget for appropriation on July 1, 1976 the following three priority projects so that work may begin as soon thereafter as possible.

Sur La Brea Park - Construction of curb, gutter,  
sidewalks, and landscaping of the east end \$ 50,000

Resurfacing of five game courts 25,000

Kitchen remodeling at Bartlett Center 6,500

Total recommended for 7/1/76  
appropriation \$ 81,500

5. Direct Staff to begin preliminary studies and prepare rough estimates for upgrading the ball diamond lighting at Torrance Park with the intent that professional engineering costs not exceed \$2,500. Staff to report back to Council on engineering and construction estimates.

6. If the engineering and construction estimates for Torrance Park ball diamond lighting appear to be excessive, the Committee recommends the following two alternative projects:

La Romeria Park - Improvement of vacant  
oil well property \$ 30,000

De Portola Park - Restrooms 36,000

Consideration of whether to do the Torrance Park lighting or the above two projects will be held in abeyance.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

27. ORDINANCE re: retitling of Meter Reader and Repairer to Water Meter Repairer.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:  
That the revised class specification of Water Meter Repairer be adopted and that the incumbents in the current class specification of Meter Reader and Repairer be recognized as having continued regular Civil Service standing, whether it be temporary, permanent or probationary, in the revised class specification of Water Meter Repairer.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson).

ORDINANCE NO. 2657

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.53.1  
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

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Councilman Rossberg moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2657 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Wilson).

28. ORDINANCE re: Building Maintenance Supervisor class specification.

ORDINANCE NO. 2658

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.43.1  
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

(Councilman Armstrong returned to the meeting at this time, the hour being 9:20 P.M.)

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2658 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

29. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE:

1. That Council reject the proposed revisions of veteran's preference submitted to you by the Civil Service Commission;
2. That Council refer the matter of dates with regards to the Korean and Vietnam conflicts back to the Civil Service Commission for consideration; and
3. That the current Veteran's Preference Rule be adopted into the Torrance Municipal Code by appropriate Ordinance with the inclusion of the appropriate dates for designated times of conflict.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved for adoption of the Civil Service Committee's report in this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

Mr. Dan Rink, spokesman for the veterans, indicated their concurrence with the above recommendation.

30. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding hours, wages and working conditions.

See Page 20.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2651.

ORDINANCE NO. 2651

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.10.4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING A FORTY (40) MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT FOR PRAIRIE AVENUE BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND 190TH STREET

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2651 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg, Surber; Mayor Miller.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (not present at hearing).
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

32. ORDINANCE NO. 2655.

ORDINANCE NO. 2655

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (b) TO SECTION 17.84.1; MODIFYING SECTION 17.86.2; AND MODIFYING SECTION 17.86.2 OF ARTICLE 4 OF PART VIII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

33. ORDINANCE NO. 2656.

ORDINANCE NO. 2656

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.53.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinances No. 2655 and No. 2656 at their second and final readings. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman absent).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

34. CETA ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEE - Compilation of Torrance Community Resource Directory.

RECOMMENDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION:  
That Council authorize the City Manager to assign a CETA Administrative Trainee the task of compiling a Torrance Community Resource Directory.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the subject matter be referred to the City Manager for an analysis and report of the pros and cons related to a Torrance Community Resource Directory. The City Manager would report back in three weeks.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to refer Item #34 to the City Manager, as above recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

35. PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT re: direct access to garages from a street onto multiple residential zoned lots.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

That the City Attorney be directed to draft an ordinance amending the Code to allow up to a three-car garage for each lot in a multiple residential zone with access to the street.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

That prior to sending this proposed ordinance amendment to the City Attorney, Council allow additional time for Staff assessment of the total effects which would result from this change.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Wilson absent).

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that consideration be given a case-by-case basis by way of waiver, rather than an automatic arrangement. It was also requested by Councilwoman Geissert that the ordinance read differently depending upon the type of street the garages are facing.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

36. ASSESSING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION of curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveways at various locations.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the advertised public hearing of costs on Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act), City Project 75-3, 75-4, 75-5, 75-6 and 75-7. City Engineer Weaver confirmed that notice was mailed and posted, and further advised that no written protests had been received.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER AND ORDERING THE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 27 OF PART 3 OF DIVISION 7 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND RESOLUTIONS 75-183, 75-184, 75-185, 75-186 AND 75-187 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Surber moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-104. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ROUTINE MATTERS:37. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$1931.46 to Norton Electric Company for 24 400-watt mercury ballasts and 750 feet heavy duty equipment electrical cord requested by the Department of Transportation.
2. It is recommended that Council approve an interim tire contract extension of \$5,000 to Sudduth Tire Company; \$5000 to Dunkin Tire Company; and \$500 to B.F. Goodrich Tire Company. These contracts are part of the City of Torrance's Cooperative Purchase Program with the County of Los Angeles - an extension of contracts is necessary to remain in phase with the County of Los Angeles on their contracts (Ref. Agreements #34544, #34545 and #34546). The County has advised us that they will finalize their new tire bids into contracts this month and the above recommendation is to cover necessary tire requirements during the interim "between contracts" period.
3. \$385.15 to H.G. Daniels Company for miscellaneous visual aid supplies requested by the Department of Transportation.
4. \$524.22 to Torrance-Gardena Reproductions to provide negatives and positives required by the Torrance Transit System Bus Routes for reproduction work. This is a joint Planning requirement of the City of Torrance and SCAG and is reimbursable re: Resolution No. 76-47.

5. \$399.06 to T&C Hydraulics Company for necessary repairs to a Garwood Rubbish Body (Unit #9029) requested by the City Garage.
  6. \$7754.29 to GMC Truck and Coach for a replacement GMC bus carrier assembly and one (1) only transmission assembly required by the City Garage.
  7. Recommend awards be made in the amount of \$3,874.75 to A-1 Turf Irrigation Sales and \$3,436.52 to Oranco Supply Company for sprinkler system plumbing and hardware requested by the Park Services Division for use at Columbia Park. This award was split between the two lowest bidders in order to gain an additional saving through a per item award process.
  8. \$499.15 to City Wire Cloth Inc. for 10 rolls of galvanized metal wire netting as requested by the Park Services Division for use at Sea Aire Golf Course.
  9. \$1383.30 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 150 water meter boxes requested by the Water Dept.
  10. \$596.60 to Doubleday and Company, Inc. for the purchase of 104 requested library books.
  11. \$367.82 to Gale Research Company for requested book review indexes and one subscription to "Biography News".
  12. \$649.25 to Western Reloading, Inc. for the purchase of 35,000 molded bullets (45 cal.) - lead part only - requested by the Police Department.
  13. \$330.46 to Century Graphics to provide 300 copies each of 15 different map sections of the City of Torrance as requested by the Fire Department.
38. STORM DRAIN FROM CYPRESS STREET AND 237TH STREET SOUTHERLY TO 239TH STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$90,000 in Drainage Improvement Funds be appropriated for the necessary right-of-way and construction cost. It is further recommended that, should voluntary, gratis dedication of the needed right-of-way not be forthcoming, the City Attorney be authorized to acquire said right-of-way.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #37 and #38. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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The hour being 10:05 P.M., Councilman Brewster moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 10:06 P.M.

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ADDENDUM ITEM:

39. ORDINANCE - Amendment to Hillside Moratorium Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

1. That the subject ordinance be adopted.
2. That an exception for the Moratorium Ordinance be granted to Mrs. Stamm for the construction of said swimming pool.

ORDINANCE NO. 2659

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 5 OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2646 RELATING TO THE HILLSIDE MORATORIUM AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2659 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber.

Prior to roll call vote, Mr. Spencer Willens, Riviera Homeowners Association, indicated their objections to the subject ordinance, and urged that no action be taken in view of the fact that the moratorium ends on June 1st. Mr. Willens also indicated concern with the wording in Section 5 under Paragraph A. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that Paragraph A could be eliminated -- Paragraph B would permit issuance of the swimming pool permit.

The motion was amended to delete Paragraph A, and roll call vote on the amended motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to grant an exception to Mrs. Stamm for the construction of a swimming pool. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. City Manager Ferraro referred to Item 16, Hillside Ordinance, and requested direction as to the hiring of a geologist in hillside development -- an ordinance could be prepared so that City Staff could direct that a specific firm do this work rather than have the property developer make such selection. It was the direction of the Council that the City Attorney prepare such an ordinance.

41. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the Council adjourn to Monday, May 24th, at 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of an Executive Session regarding pending litigation on two items going to court prior to the regular Tuesday, May 25th, Council meeting. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
42. Director of Transportation Horkay, on behalf of Traffic Commissioner McMullen, invited the Council to the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 22nd, at Victor School.
43. Appropriate recognition for Miss Leslie Wolfsberger, named to the United States Olympic Gymnast Team, was requested by Councilman Armstrong.
44. Councilman Rossberg commended all those responsible for an outstanding Armed Forces Day Parade -- a "super job".
45. Mayor Miller announced the screening of "Relations" by the Fine Arts Commission and Park and Recreation Department on Monday, May 24th, at 7:30 P.M., and invited all present to attend.
46. Recognition of Fire Captain Harlan Whitacre's City service by way of a watch was requested by Mayor Miller, and concurred in by the Council.
47. Representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, Mr. Spencer Willens reported that a 4-unit condominium presently under construction on Palos Verdes Boulevard is in violation of height requirements; a waiver will be requested at the Planning Commission meeting of May 19th, and it is desired to appeal this matter to the Council before any further construction takes place.

City Manager Ferraro stated that he would file such an appeal in the City Clerk's office early on May 20th, subject to payment of fee by the homeowners association (concurred in by Mr. Willens), in order to expedite the matter to the Council. This met with the approval of the Council, and it was so ordered.

ITEM #30 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:30 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages and working conditions (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 11:30 P.M. Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Monday, May 24, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson absent).

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

*Vernon W. Coil*  
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