

June 14, 1976

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL -
FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting - its First Budget Workshop - on Monday, June 14, 1976, at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 4:40 P.M. Absent: Councilman Surber.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, Finance Director Dundore and Budget Officer Ng.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Assistant City Manager Scharfman led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Bill Norton, South Bay Baptist Church.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION.

A. Assistant City Manager Scharfman provided the Opening Remarks and Budget Highlights for this initial Budget Workshop Session.

B. Finance Director Dundore's presentation was directed to: Where City resources come from; current and projected economic outlook; City's financial position and surplus balances; and projected revenue trends.

C. Budget Officer Ng reviewed: How City resources are allocated; the budget format; the "big picture" with general budget overview; where emphasis lies and increases occur; and the Capital Improvement Program and how it is financed.

D. On completion of the formal presentation, City Manager Ferraro offered the concluding remarks regarding the formulation of the 1976-77 Budget, its contents and its impact.

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5. PRESENTATION BY CITY COMMISSIONS:A. LIBRARY COMMISSION:

Chairman James Pierson reported on the concerns of the Library Commission regarding current budget reductions -- specifically noted was the need for bulletins regarding Library activities; film library replacements; a book security system; a microform users catalogue, etc. It is the opinion of the Library Commission, per Mr. Pierson, that the Library budget is disproportionately austere, and supplementary funds could be most useful.

It was the direction of the Council that Staff respond to the above via a report to be presented at the June 17th Budget Workshop.

B. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL:

Clarification was requested, and received, by Mr. Lawrence Gitschier regarding the absence of a rubbish charge exemption for senior citizens in this budget.

It was the request of Mr. Gitschier that consideration be given providing mini-buses for senior citizens for certain recreation activities. Mayor Miller referred this matter to Staff for report and recommendation.

C. WATER COMMISSION:

Water Commission Chairman O'Brien noted the continuing studies regarding the Water Department budget, it being their recommendation at this time that there be a water rate increase of approximately 10% in order that the department will not operate at a deficit until the matters of concern can be resolved. City Manager Ferraro elaborated on future major decisions confronted by the City relative to its water service.

A report will be provided by Staff at the June 17th budget session.

6. AGENDA AND SCHEDULES FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

City Manager Ferraro recommended that the June 17th session be directed to Capital Improvements; June 18th reserved for community group presentations; and Monday, June 21st devoted to general discussion by the Council. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session regarding pending litigation was requested by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The hour being 6:10 P.M., Councilman Armstrong moved to recess for the purpose of the subject Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

The Council returned at 6:25 P.M. for formal adjournment to Tuesday, June 15, 1976, at 5:30 P.M.

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

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

Mayor of the City of Torrance