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Adjourned at 10:15 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, June 22, 1976, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Assistant Water Superintendent Powell led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Bill Norton, South Bay Baptist Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 1976 and May 24, 1976, as recorded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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

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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 Surber absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Charter Review Committee:

Will next meet on July 1st at 4:00 P.M.

COMMENDATION:

8. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION for former Councilman William J. Uerkwitz.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING FORMER COUNCILMAN WILLIAM J. UERKWITZ FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-121. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PRESENTATIONS:

9. TILE PLAQUE to Charlotte Sciarrotta for her services on the Torrance Beautiful/Environmental Quality Commissions.

Formal presentation of a tile plaque in appreciation of her dedicated efforts for the community was made by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, to "Sunny" Sciarrotta.

10. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS representing Torrance in the Torrance/Kashiwa Sister City Exchange for 1976.

Each of the students participating in the 1976 exchange program was introduced by Mr. Joe Banando, Chairman of the Sister City Committee. Mayor Miller wished them a wonderful trip and a great time, and requested that they extend best wishes to Torrance's friends in Kashiwa.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF A RESCUE AIR HAMMER AND A FILM TITLED "NEW PRESCRIPTION FOR LIFE"

The Rescue Air Hammer and the film "New Prescription for Life" were presented by Mr. Elmer Bidwell, on behalf of the Torrance-Lomita Branch Board of Realtors, with grateful acceptance by Fire Chief Slonecker.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that there be appropriate recognition of this donation by the Torrance-Lomita Branch Board of Realtors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

12. TILE PLAQUE to Leo Coleman, Outstanding American Award recipient.

Presentation of the plaque to Mr. Coleman was made by Mayor Miller, with the congratulations of the Council and all present.

PROCLAMATIONS:

13. RELIGIOUS HERITAGE MONTH - July, 1976.

Presentations were made by Reverend Glen Norman, Del Amo Southern Baptist Church; Reverend Bruce Lundberg, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd; and Mr. Wendell Waite, Church of the Latter Day Saints.

14. AIR FORCE NURSE WEEK - June 28 - July 2, 1976.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION re: South County Corridor Bikeway.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLAN OF BIKEWAYS TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH COUNTY CORRIDOR

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-122, with the amendment recommended by the City Manager: "Subject to appropriate environmental and comptability studies with surrounding private single family residences." The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unani- mously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. RESOLUTION re: agreement with South Bay Daily Breeze.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR ADVERTISING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTH BAY DAILY BREEZE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1976-77.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-123. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unani- mously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-124

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 TRIDAIR INDUSTRIES

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-124. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

18. STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP OF TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL.

Following discussion regarding the varied considerations in this matter, Councilman Wilson MOVED to refer Item #18 to the Ad Hoc Committee on Appointed Groups. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION re: Thomas Wooldridge Disability Retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE UPHOLDING THE DECISION  
 OF THE CITY MANAGER GRANTING DISABILITY  
 RETIREMENT TO THOMAS H. WOOLDRIDGE ON AN  
 INDUSTRIAL BASIS, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1976

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-125. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

20. OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING ACTIVITIES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the Council take the following actions:

1. Direct Deputy City Attorney Roger P. Freeman, who has been monitoring this matter, to attend the June 23, 1976 meeting as an observer and to report back at your next meeting as to the desirability of continuing participation in the litigation.

2. Appropriate the \$666 previously approved to help defray costs already incurred in this matter. Mr. Freeman should determine the payee of this amount on June 23rd and advise the Finance Department.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:21. ORDINANCE NO. 2666.ORDINANCE NO. 2666

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 88.5.6 OF THE TORRANCE CITY CODE PERMITTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNS ON OR OVER PUBLIC PROPERTY

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2667.ORDINANCE NO. 2667

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.53.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2668.ORDINANCE NO. 2668

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 180TH STREET APPROXIMATELY 105 FEET EAST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 76-2  
(Jack A. Salling)

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2669.ORDINANCE NO. 2669

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART VII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED, ADDING A NEW PART VII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT

25. ORDINANCE NO. 2670.ORDINANCE NO. 2670

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART IV OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR MID-MANAGERS, ADDING A NEW PART IV TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinances No. 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669 and 2670 at their second and final readings. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with the exception of Item #25 (Ordinance No. 2670) where Councilman Brewster ABSTAINED and indicated that he would present questions in Executive Session. (Councilman Surber absent).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. TORRANCE MOUNTED POSSE - Suitable site for horses and clubhouse.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That City effort in relocating the Torrance Mounted Posse be discontinued.

Representing the Torrance Mounted Posse, Mr. Harold Lippard reaffirmed their need for both a clubhouse facility and a place for horses, and requested reconsideration in this matter.

Council discussion was directed to possible solutions of this problem, it being the ultimate direction of the Council that there be further review by City Staff of potential sites for the Torrance Mounted Posse.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

27. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT PROCEDURES.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION/PLANNING DEPARTMENT:  
APPROVAL of the General Plan Amendment Procedures.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Planning Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

28. ZC 75-12 and ZC 76-1, Wilcraft Development, Inc. and P.Y.C. Builders (James R. Yates): Change of zone from M-2 on property generally bounded by Crenshaw Boulevard, Orange Avenue, Torrance High School and Sepulveda to allow the construction of approximately 110 single-family residences. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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 Planning Director Shartle, attention was directed to the Environmental Impact Report, with action taken as reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that it is the finding of the Council that the Environmental Impact Report in this case

is adequate and is in conformance with State law; therefore, the EIR is hereby so certified. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

Mr. Don Wilson, the proponent, was present to clarify proposed development plans, particularly regarding the block wall fence between the school property and the subject property; the infrequency of sports events at the school; etc. Also noted by Mr. Wilson was their desire to save the trees along the Sepulveda Boulevard, and, in view of maintenance problems, indicated a willingness to dedicate this frontage property (approximately 27 to 28 ft.) to the City. It was the direction of the Council that such dedication be accomplished, with resolution by Staff as to the manner of wall location, planting, etc. - it being the general concept that the fence should parallel the cul-de-sac street with enough space for a sidewalk and a planting area, with the greenery and eucalyptus trees visible from Sepulveda Boulevard.

A homeowner representative advised that the present neighbors have not found the football stadium noise objectionable -- he also noted that general agreement has been achieved between the homeowners and the developers regarding this project.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of a change of zone from M-2 to R-1, ZC 75-12 and ZC 76-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

It was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert, regarding her negative vote, that it is her feeling that the designation in the Land Use Element of the General Plan for this property is the best designation -- i.e. commercial frontage with light industry to the north. This is the most compatible use, per Mrs. Geissert, as far as adjacent uses on the corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda and from the already existing noise in the area; further, such use would generate the least traffic.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that a General Plan Amendment be initiated to bring the Land Use Element into compliance with the approved zoning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Surber.

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The Council recessed at 8:50 P.M. to conduct the business of the Redevelopment Agency, and resumed Council business at 8:51 P.M.

31. FIRE/PROPERTY INSURANCE FOR 1976-77

All real and personal property of City of Torrance, including Los Angeles County-Torrance Civic Center Authority and Torrance Public Facilities Building Corporation structures.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK:

That the City Council approve and accept the offer of Central National Insurance Company to provide the Fire/Property insurance at an annual cost of \$35,145.00.

32. AUTOMOBILE COMPREHENSIVE/FIRE & THEFT INSURANCE FOR 1976-77: Coverage for Private Passenger Automobiles, Commercial Vehicles, Fire Engines and Motorcycles.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK:

That the City Council accept the offer of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to provide Automobile Comprehensive/Fire & Theft Insurance for 1976-77 at an annual cost of \$6,796.00.

33. BUS COMPREHENSIVE FIRE/THEFT/COLLISION INSURANCE FOR 1976-77: Coverage for Torrance Transit System Buses.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK:

That the City Council continue the Bus Comprehensive Fire/Theft/Collision insurance for 1976-77 with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company at an annual cost of \$4,241.00

34. PARAMEDICS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE: Coverage extended to October 1, 1976 and change of company from Calvert Insurance Company to Minnehoma Insurance Company.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK:

That the City Council accept the offer of The Minnehoma Insurance Company to furnish Paramedic Professional Liability Insurance to October 1, 1976, at a cost of \$4,788.00.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and #34. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Surber absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Councilman Armstrong requested that a recommendation go forward to the effect that funds taken from County road funds in the event of RTD success on the June ballot now be returned to the County monies.

ROUTINE MATTERS:29. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$444.14 to Engine Parts Corporation for one replacement rebuilt Ford engine block required by the City Garage.
2. \$343.44 to Sky Harbor Litho for the printing of Police public relations pamphlets entitled: "How the Torrance Police Department Can Assist You."
3. \$339.20 to Burns and Sawyer for one only 8mm-16mm film splicer as requested by the City Librarian for use at the Civic Center Library.
4. \$433.01 to American Rubber Manufacturing Company for miscellaneous replacement fire hose fittings and gaskets requested by the Fire Department.
5. \$416.73 to Advance Bearing Industrial for miscellaneous replacement equipment roller chain as requested by the City Garage.
6. \$309.85 to GMC Truck and Coach for miscellaneous GMC bus repair parts, as requested by the City Garage.
7. \$1204.50 to James Jones Company for miscellaneous water pipe couplings and angle valves requested by the Water Department.
8. \$1678.36 to Torrance Auto Parts for repair parts to repair the engine in Fire Engine #107, as required by the Fire Department.
9. \$1230.61 to Custom Floors Company to install replacement floor tile at Fire Station #4 as requested by the Building Department.
10. \$3227.70 to Audio Intelligence Devices Company for the purchase of one only vehicle tracking device as requested by the Police Department. This expenditure is part of equipment approved on the South Bay Information and Narcotics Unit Grant.
11. \$1370.00 to Teledyne Geotronics for topographical mapping services requested by the Recreation Department for Charles H. Wilson Park.

30. SALE OF SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLES (1972s)  
Ref. Units #7144, 7145, 7153 and 7155.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the sale of four surplus units in the total amount of \$1625.00 to Mr. John Vacer of Smokey Productions.

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36. Councilman Armstrong requested Staff investigation re: the merits, if any, of an internal system for the Torrance Transit System, leaving the bulk of the long haul bus service to RTD.

37. Councilman Brewster recommended a City policy whereby whenever funds are sought for Torrance Transit System capital improvements that this be under the Section 3 funds, and that all Section 5 funds be used for operation.

38. Mayor Miller reported on the request that the Council adopt a resolution asking the County Board of Supervisors to maintain the existing tax rate.

Councilman Rossberg MOVED that such a resolution be prepared. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

39. Mayor Miller provided a detailed report on his recent meeting with Mayors and City Managers of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Torrance regarding the following street projects -- Prospect Avenue/Flagler Lane; Inglewood Avenue/Anza Avenue; and 190th and Hawthorne.

Future meetings with Supervisor Hayes were noted by the Mayor who offered the following recommendations for Council approval, for presentation at such meetings:

1. That we reaffirm the need for the realignment of 190th and Hawthorne, which is already funded with County and City's monies, and that the County accelerate its efforts to complete this project.

2. That, with the recent affirmation on the part of the City of Redondo to realign Inglewood to Ripley Lane, to Lilienthal Lane, and subsequently to Anza, that we support their request to the County for appropriation out of Prop 5 or other monies to begin design and construction as soon as possible.

3. That this Council defer any comment on Flagler Lane until the City Manager has had an opportunity to receive an evaluation from Los Angeles County regarding those suggestions, comments and observations previously made about Flagler Lane and its impact on the City of Torrance.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendations #1, 2, and 3. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

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40. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:10 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages and working conditions, as well as pending litigation (proper subject matters for an Executive Session, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

The Council returned at 10:13 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the recommendation of the City Attorney and City Manager that the Harris/Garnier property be purchased in accordance with the offer made by Mr. Harris -- further, that the City Attorney be directed to return to the Council with the appropriate agreement therefor at the earliest practicable date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to approve the hiring of Ralph Nutter as Special Counsel in the Ogo case, in an amount not to exceed \$2500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber absent).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



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 Mayor of the City of Torrance