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Adjourned at 9:00 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, July 27, 1976, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Mark Ozawa led in the salute to the flag, with presentation of colors and display of new City flag by Torrance Area Youth Band (Item #12).

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Boyd R. Kifer, Church of the Nazarene, provided the invocation for the meeting. Reverend Kifer also expressed the appreciation of the Torrance Ministerial Association for the privilege of participating in this manner at the Council meetings.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

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 demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Ad Hoc Committee on Taxation:
July 27th at 5:00 P.M.

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Finance Committee:

Monday, August 2nd - 12:00 Noon.

Park, Recreation and Community Development:

August 2nd at 5:30 P.M.

Charter Review:

July 29th - 4:00 P.M.

Civil Service Committee:

August 5th - time to be announced later.

Transportation Committee:

July 28th - 7:00 P.M.

Considered by the Council, out of order, at this time:

PRESENTATIONS:

9. INTRODUCTION OF 1976 SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS FROM KASHIWA, JAPAN.

Mrs. Miko Haggott introduced visitors to Torrance from Kashiwa, Japan -- the 1976 Sister City Student Exchange participants. A welcome was extended them, on behalf of the Council, by Mayor Miller who also presented each guest with a tile plaque.

10. COMMUNITY BICENTENNIAL LASTING REMINDERS CERTIFICATE - Torrance Bicentennial Committee.

Torrance Bicentennial Committee Chairman, Mr. George Post, presented to Mayor Miller, for the City of Torrance, the Community Bicentennial Lasting Reminders Certificate awarded by the United States Conference of Mayors, in recognition of the Committee's Spanish Galleon to be constructed at de Portola Park.

11. TILE PLAQUES TO FORMER COMMISSIONERS.

In recognition of their service and dedication, Mayor Miller presented tile plaques to former Commissioners Robert McLemore (Disaster Council) and Bonnie Burns (Safety Council and Traffic Commission).

12. PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BAND COLOR GUARDS - ALSO DISPLAY OF NEW CITY FLAG.

Presentation made at time of Flag Salute - See Page 1.

13. TILE PLAQUE commending Torrance Area Youth Band.

The achievements of the Torrance Area Youth Band were commended by Mayor Miller with the plaque presentation, with grateful acceptance by Band representatives in attendance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

14. YOUTH BAND WEEK - First week of August.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

Following these ceremonies, the Torrance Area Youth Band marched into the Council Chambers to provide a concert of their very special kind of music -- a "suprise performance" thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

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PROCLAMATIONS (Cont.)

15. WEST TORRANCE LIONS CLUB NIGHT - July 27, 1976.
16. RECYCYLING WEEK FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION -
Week of August 2, 1976.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

The Council now returned to:

COMMISSION MATTERS:

8. COMMISSION VACANCIES:

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

Mayor Miller invited Commission applicants to speak at this time, and advised that appointments would be withheld until the August 3rd meeting when five members of the Council would be present.

The following people were present to make applications for Commission appointments: Donald Bradway, Joseph Cassidy III, James Davis, James Duffin, Robert Fox, Susan Gibbons, Bruce Lanfried, Harry A. Matthews III, Herbert Meredith, Marilyn Molchan, Wendy Park, William Paul, John Sabel, Stan Smith, Steven Switzer, Carroll Terry and Alan Whipple.

PUBLIC WORKS:

17. RETAINING WALL, CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AT VIA VALMONTE SOUTH OF PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the bids of Kral-D.G. (JV) and Masonry Engineers, Inc. be rejected, and that Staff be directed to study alternative treatments for this location.

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

REAL PROPERTY:

18. RESOLUTION re: H.W. Foat Lease.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Adoption of the subject resolution, subject to reimbursement to the City of \$39.06 for preparation costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE OF HAROLD W. FOAT TO HAROLD W. FOAT AND FRANCES TRUXLER FOAT AS TRUSTEES OF FOAT INTERVIVOS TRUST

Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the Land Management Team and for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-147. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-148

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 LAURENCE C. REICHEL, D.D.S.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-148; her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. REQUEST OF THOMAS WOOLDRIDGE for reconsideration of date of retirement from March 1, 1976 to June 30, 1976 - RESOLUTION authorizing modification.

Dennis Frandsen, Torrance Police Officers Association, representing Thomas Wooldridge, stated that the problem is one of "lack of communication" -- Officer Wooldridge has never said that he did not wish to sign a stipulation to the June 30th date. Sergeant Frandsen indicated that there are "other problems" which will be presented to the Council at a later date.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 76-125 PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT APPEAL OF THOMAS H. WOOLDRIDGE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-149, and his motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

It was stipulated by Mr. Wooldridge, prior to roll call vote on the above motion, that he agreed to a June 30, 1976 retirement date. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

21. ORDINANCE - Memorandum of Understanding for Torrance Management Employees Organization.

ORDINANCE NO. 2679

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART X OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION AND CERTAIN EMPLOYEES REPRESENTING THEMSELVES, ADDING A NEW PART X TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2679 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

22. ORDINANCE re: Veterans Preference.

ORDINANCE NO. 2680

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RULE VI, SECTION 7a OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND ADDING ARTICLE 24 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PUT AN ENDING DATE FOR VETERAN'S PREFERENCE FOR VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

Councilman Rossberg moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2680 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2678 governing employment compensation for the City Manager, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and other exempt employees. (SECOND FIRST READING)

ORDINANCE NO. 2678

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART XI OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, AND OTHER EXEMPT EMPLOYEES AND ADDING A NEW PART XI DEALING WITH THE SAME SUBJECT

Councilman Wilson noted expressed concerns regarding Section 17.113.1 (Specified Tasks for City Clerk), and recommended referral of this section to a Council Committee. City Clerk Coil voiced his objections to the transferring of the duty "Microfilming and storing of all records for the City of Torrance" from the City Clerk's office to that of the City Manager.

A MOTION (later withdrawn) was offered by Councilman Wilson: That Ordinance No. 2678 be approved at its first reading, with the understanding that the above noted section will be referred to a Council Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

Speaking at this time was Mrs. Barbara Honeycutt, on behalf of the Southwood Homeowners Association, who recorded their reservations about the removal of public records from the City Clerk's office.

Councilman Rossberg indicated that a negative vote would be forthcoming from him for the reason that although the total compensation increase covered by the ordinance is within the guidelines of the 7% established by the Council, a few of the individual increases slightly exceeded this amount.

In view of the fact that a majority vote of the Council, necessary for passage of this ordinance, would not be forthcoming, Councilman Wilson withdrew his above motion, and then moved:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to hold Item #23 for one week. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

24. RESOLUTION authorizing destruction of certain unneeded City records.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING

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THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN
UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS
WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilman Wilson moved for adoption of Resolution No. 76-150. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

25. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES MODIFICATION FOR PROCESSING RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE.

Councilwoman Geissert noted the need for specific clarification regarding owner-builders who desire to do their own work. It was the consensus of the Council that this matter be returned to Staff for such amplification.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to hold Item #25 for one week for the above noted purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

26. PROPOSED ORDINANCES GOVERNING SECONDARY OIL RECOVERY OPERATION.

In view of the complicated contents of the subject proposed ordinances, Mayor Miller MOVED to refer Item #26 to the Council Oil Committee for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Armstrong and Brewster absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

27. ORDINANCE re: ZC 75-12, Wilcraft Development.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to hold for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster absent).

28. ORDINANCE re: ZC 76-1, P.Y.C. Builders.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to hold for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

29. ORDINANCE re: ZC 76-3, Gary Hilton.

ORDINANCE NO. 2681

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 EAST SIDE OF DATE
 AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET
 NORTH OF CARSON STREET AND DESCRIBED
 IN ZONE CHANGE 76-3
 (Gary Hilton)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2681 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

ROUTINE MATTERS:

30. CONTRACT FOR SLOPE LANDSCAPING AND SPRINKLER SYSTEM -
 Prairie Avenue from 190th Street to Del Amo Boulevard.
 (B76-31) Job No. 67028

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Moulder Brothers and all other bids be rejected.

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

ADDENDUM ITEM:

31. RESOLUTION re: Hangar Lease Assignment from Radomir Radula to Ralph A. Baxter.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
 CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
 AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A
 CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF AIRPORT HANGAR
 LEASE OF NATALIA RADULA AND RADOMIR
 RADULA TO RALPH A. BAXTER

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-151. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

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The hour being 8:45 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 8:46 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- 32. City Manager Ferraro announced that the kickoff for the Torrance Taxation Information Center would occur on July 28th, as directed by the Council. Mr. Ferraro outlined the service to be provided by this Center.
- 33. Staff regrets to Councilwoman Geissert on the death of her mother were conveyed by City Manager Ferraro.
- 34. An Executive Session, to discuss wages, hours, and working conditions, was requested by City Manager Ferraro.
- 35. An Executive Session, to discuss pending litigation, was requested by City Attorney Remelmeyer.
- 36. Councilwoman Geissert referred to recent communication from Assemblyman Barry Keene re; A.B. 2133 which designates Madrona Marsh as a project, and offered the following:

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Council instruct the City Manager to draft a letter on behalf of the Mayor and the Council to be sent to the Governor supporting this legislation and encouraging him to sign A.B. 2133. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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37. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The hour being 8:50 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to consider (1) hours, wages and working conditions, and (2) pending litigation (proper subject matters, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

The Council returned at 8:58 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney that the City Attorney be authorized and directed to bring an action for damages against Lyon's Buick growing out of their occupation of the CBS property -- and the rent due the City arising out of such occupation, and any other relief which the City Attorney deems proper. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmen Armstrong, Brewster).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil

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