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Adjourned at 8:50 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, August 3, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Librarian West led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Lloyd Newlin, Torrance First Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 1976 and June 29, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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 (Councilman Armstrong absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Park, Recreation and Community Development:

Councilman Wilson reported on its meeting on August 2nd regarding proposed changes in the structure of the Youth

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Council. The Committee has asked the Youth Council to make one final evaluation of how best to restructure the Youth Council; the Committee will meet later in the month to then finalize its recommendations regarding number of members, the definition of a quorum and the possibility of modifying the selection process for the Youth Council, per Dr. Wilson.

Finance Committee:

Met on August 2nd re: distribution of agenda packets - report will be forthcoming to the Council.

Civil Service Committee:

Will next meet on August 5th at 5:30 P.M.

Ad Hoc Committee re: Horses:

Meeting scheduled for August 5th.

Transportation Committee:

Met on July 28th as Ad Hoc Committee on Airport Noise Abatement in the first of a series of public hearings -- second session will be scheduled early in September, according to Councilman Brewster.

- 8A. RESOLUTION in recognition of Frank Paour, Jr.'s 60-year residence in the City of Torrance.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster, as temporary Chairman of the Transportation Committee, that the following resolution be adopted in recognition of Traffic Commissioner Paour's residence in Torrance for some sixty years. This met with the approval of the Council, and Mayor Miller directed City Clerk Coil to assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 76-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION  
TO FRANK PAOUR, JR. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE DURING  
THE FIRST SIXTY YEARS OF HIS RESIDENCY IN  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-152. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Cont.)

Ad Hoc Committee re: Taxation:

Will meet on August 4th at 5:00 P.M.

COMMENDATION:

8. Commendation to citizens Douglas Workman and Herbert Smith for rescuing injured motorists from a burning vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council authorize appropriate recognition for Messrs. Workman and Smith. Presentation of the recognition will be scheduled before the City Council.

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

PUBLIC WORKS:

9. RESOLUTION authorizing vacation of a portion of High Street adjacent to Lot 36, Meadow Park Tract and east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION  
OF A PORTION OF HIGH STREET IN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-153. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

10. PROPOSED BINGO ORDINANCE.

Staff presentation was provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

Mr. Leo Coleman, Senior Citizens Council, urged approval of "legal Bingo" -- hopefully, a beneficial arrangement could be devised for his group.

Opposition to the proposed ordinance was expressed by Father Detours, Director of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, who noted the likely infiltration of outside interests, to the detriment of the community.

It was the consensus of the Council that this matter was a most intricate one, and there should be further study regarding same.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to refer Item #10 to the Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

It was the further direction of the Council that Staff analyze the experience in other cities where Bingo has been approved within the past six months -- such report to be provided the Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee.

COMMISSION MATTERS:11. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Unanimous ballots were cast for the following Commission appointees:

Traffic Commission:  
Harry Matthews

Torrance Disaster Council:  
Donald Bradway

Water Commission:  
Carroll Terry

Fine Arts Commission:  
Ms. Marilyn Molchan

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:12. RESOLUTION re: SB 821 Bicycle Funding Grant Application for Fiscal Year 1976-77.RESOLUTION NO. 76-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO FILE A BIKEWAYS CLAIM UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BICYCLE FACILITIES ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-154. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

13. ORDINANCE to prohibit sales or solicitations from medians of public streets and highways.ORDINANCE NO. 2682

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 61.5.5 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SALES OR SOLICITATIONS FROM MEDIANS OF PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2682 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

14. TORRANCE SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

APPROVAL, by minute motion, of the Torrance Transit System's Transportation Improvement Program submitted to the Southern California Association of Governments June 28, 1976.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Director of Transportation. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-155

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 PIONEER INDUSTRIES, INC., SPACECRAFT MACHINE PRODUCTS, INC. AND AMPCO METALS COMPANY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-155. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Councilman Armstrong absent.)

16. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-156

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 TOOKER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, WARCO LABORATORIES, INC., AND AERO-CRAFT HYDRAULIC, INC.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-156. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS.

17. SECOND READING SALARY ORDINANCE 2678 for exempt, executive and elected employees.

Held for Executive Session - See Page 16.

City Manager Ferraro advised that an administrative error had resulted in the incorrect recording of the vote at the July 20th Council meeting -- Councilman Rossberg's "YEA" vote should have been recorded as a "NO" vote. (It was also noted by Mr. Ferraro that the ordinance still had four affirmative votes, so the first reading stands).

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that the minutes of this meeting reflect that an administrative error was made, and that the Council order the roll call vote for the first reading of Ordinance 2678 be modified accordingly. Councilman Wilson MOVED to concur with the subject request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

18. THREE ORDINANCES - Memoranda of Understanding - TCEA, TPPREO and TOCE.

Held for Executive Session - See Page 15.

19. RESOLUTION re: SB 839.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL 839 WHICH PLACES A TIME LIMITATION ON THE PRESUMPTION IN FAVOR OF RETIRED SAFETY EMPLOYEES THAT HERNIAS, PNEUMONIA AND HEART DISEASE AROSE OUT OF THEIR FORMER SAFETY EMPLOYMENT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-157. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ELECTION MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION calling a Special Election, November 2, 1976.  
RESOLUTION providing for financing of the November 2, 1976 Special Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1976, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY ON THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY A CERTAIN PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT; AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE SAID SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH SAID GENERAL STATEWIDE ELECTION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-158. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 76-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROPRIATING \$15,000 FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES TO BE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A CONSOLIDATED SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976, AND AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ELECTION SUPPLIER AND TRANSLATOR FOR SAID ELECTION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-159. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

21. WORD LIMITATIONS ON CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS, PRINTING COST AND RELATED MATTERS FOR SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - November 2, 1976.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

1. The number of words permitted in candidates' statements be limited to 200.
2. The candidate who files a statement of his qualifications at the election be required to pay his proportionate share of the cost of printing the statement in English and Spanish.
3. The City absorb the cost of mailing these statements, and not levy an extra charge for handling, packaging and mailing said statements.
4. The Council prohibit "other mailings" to be included in the envelope with the sample ballot.

Councilman Rossberg indicated his strong feeling that a candidate should be told at time of filing what his anticipated cost will be, rather than a "blank check" approach -- a schedule, with a maximum cost, should be established.

A MOTION (later restated) was offered by Councilman Rossberg: That the cost of candidates' statements not exceed \$850 if one candidate files -- the actual cost to be proportionate thereafter, determined by the number of people filing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Noted by Councilwoman Geissert were her past concerns in this regard and the need for further review of election procedures by a Council Committee -- the cost of running for office presents an insurmountable obstacle to many qualified candidates, in her opinion. Accordingly, a SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Mrs. Geissert: That the cost of printing the candidates' statement be set at \$250 for any candidate, and that the City handle the difference. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

Council discussion ensued, it being the general consensus that the \$850 figure was too high, the \$250 figure too low, pending further study of the matter.

The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved that the candidates' statement cost not exceed \$500, including bilingual statement -- any amount over that to be paid by the City, with the understanding that it would be proportionately shared so that the charge might go down if the cost were less. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that this and other election matters be referred to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with City Clerk recommendations #1,2,3 (as above modified) and #4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

22. WRITTEN ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City Council authorize a member or members of the Council to file a written argument in support of the proposed Charter amendment.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the Mayor be designated to sign the Charter Amendment on the ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. MODIFIED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES RE: INCOME LEVELS AND OWNER-BUILDERS.

Clarification was provided by Planning Director Shartle. It was the request of Mr. Shartle that Item E on Page 5 be revised to state "Owner-applicants" (instead of "Applicants").

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of the subject modified Guidelines, with the above noted revision. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

24. RESOLUTION authorizing the destruction of certain unneeded City records.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-160. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

25. RESOLUTION re: agreement with City of Gardena to provide paramedic field internship training for three Gardena Fire Fighters.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-161

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, FOR AN INTERNSHIP FOR GARDENA PARAMEDICS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-161. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES.

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2679.

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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 adoption of Ordinance No. 2679 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

27. ORDINANCE NO. 2680.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

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2680 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2681.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)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2681 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:29. ORDINANCE re: ZC 76-1, P.Y.C. Builders.ORDINANCE NO. 2683

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 BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND VINE AVENUE AND BETWEEN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 76-1  
(P.Y.C. Builders)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2683 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong.

30. ORDINANCE re: ZC 75-12, Wilcraft Development, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 2684

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  
BETWEEN VINE AND ORANGE AVENUES AND  
BETWEEN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND TORRANCE  
HIGH SCHOOL AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE  
75-12

(Wilcraft Development, Inc.)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2684 at its first reading, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong.

Councilwoman Geissert noted the Planning Commission deletion of the requirement "that an 8-ft. wall be constructed along the property adjacent to Sepulveda Boulevard" in the Tentative Tract Map for the subject property, and outlined her concerns regarding the landscaping and mounding arrangement now proposed in view of the noise problems which will be presented by Sepulveda Boulevard traffic. Accordingly, Mrs. Geissert indicated her desire to appeal the Tentative Tract Map in order that there be assurance that adequate safeguards will be provided.

The proponent, Mr. Don Wilson, Jr., was present, and indicated his concurrence with whichever arrangement is desired by the City.

Also present was Mr. Terry Ford, 2130 Santa Fe Avenue, who indicated the desire of the present residents in the area that there be landscaping, rather than a block wall, if an adequate noise barrier can be provided.

Discussion as to procedures, time factors, desired input, etc. followed. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the Council recognize the appeal by Councilwoman Geissert of the above noted Tentative Tract Map requirement, that the date of hearing the appeal be scheduled for a later date, subject to stipulation by Mr. Wilson

that he will not record the final map until the appeal has been heard and determined.

Mr. Wilson so stipulated.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

It was the direction of the Council that the appeal be scheduled for August 24th, and that the ordinance be returned on August 17th.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

31. SIGN APPEAL from Mr. Punya Empremsilapa of Pizza Man/Chicken Delight, 22245 Palos Verdes Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION AND STAFF: DENIAL of the appeal.

Staff presentation was made by Building and Safety Director McKinnon. The proponent was not present.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Environmental Quality Commission and Staff for DENIAL of the subject appeal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, there was Council discussion pertaining to identification problems at this location, and Staff was directed to work with the proponent and the entire shopping center to alleviate the overall signing problems.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial of the appeal.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

32. COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE WITH SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY:  
That the offer of settlement and compromise be accepted and that upon payment of \$1,631.08 by Southwestern, the matter be closed and the contract deemed completed.

33. DEMOLITION, SITE CLEARANCE AND GRUBBING CONTRACT - Sur La Brea Park - Bid B76-19 - NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:  
That the work be ACCEPTED and final payment be made to the contractor.

34. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - Liquid chlorine, pitt chlor and related chemicals - B76-33.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:  
That Council approve of the awarding of an annual contract to Jones Chemical Company in the total amount of \$12,074.29, including sales tax.

35. IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM HAWTHORNE BLVD. TO MADRONA AVENUE - B76-34.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Mushroom Construction Company, Inc., and all other bids be rejected.

36. CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS. (B76-35)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Damon Construction Company, and all other bids be rejected.

37. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT - Read-Mixed Concrete  
Ref. Bid #B76-36 - Annual Expenditure: \$34,115.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc., and approve of the award of an annual contract to them for the City's ready-mixed concrete requirements in the total anticipated amount of \$34,115.00, including tax.

38. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 26507.  
(8th and Last Phase of Tract No. 26507)  
Subdivider: Watt Industries  
Engineer: Lanco Engineering  
Location: South side of Rolling Hills Road east of Hawthorne Boulevard  
No. of Lots: 85

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Tract Map No. 26507 be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and #38. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Armstrong absent).

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The hour being 7:37 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent). The Council returned to its agenda at 7:39 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

39. Councilman Rossberg commended City Librarian West and the Bicentennial Committee for the recent Religious Heritage meeting -- a most impressive occasion.
40. Councilman Wilson requested appropriate recognition for award winners in the 23rd Annual Youth Safety Run.
41. Councilman Wilson asked that there be consideration of Downtown Torrance as a Redevelopment Project -- this matter to be studied by the Ad Hoc Committee for Downtown Torrance, following Staff preparation of options, plans, etc.
42. Mayor Miller reviewed concerns recently expressed by Torrance homeowners and homeowner associations regarding the property tax. Recommended by the Mayor Miller, for immediate action, was concurrence by the Council with recent action taken by the City of Los Angeles, as follows: they have petitioned the State Legislature and the Governor to pass emergency legislation by August 31st to do the following things: (a) Double the property owners' exemption from \$1750 to \$3500; (b) A mandatory Senior Citizens Tax Relief Program by supporting AB 3204, which, basically, defers property taxes on senior citizens homes until they are sold or change ownership; and (c) An increase in the State Renters Relief from \$37 to \$74.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the above recommended action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

Mayor Miller stated that the appropriate letters would be prepared by him, the City Attorney, and Legislative Advocate Rupert.

Mr. George McMullen recommended that the increase in the homeowners exemption be tied to the increase in the statewide increase in assessed valuation on an annualized basis.

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At 7:50 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session, Personnel Session, and Redevelopment Session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Armstrong).

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council returned at 8:42 P.M., and took the following action:

18. ORDINANCES - TCEA, TPPREO and TOCE.ORDINANCE NO. 2685

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding 76-4.1 TOCE and Ordinance No. 2685 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2686

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW PART XIII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARK AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding 76-6.0 TPPREO and Ordinance No. 2686 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved (Councilman Armstrong absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2687

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

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MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding 76-5.0 TCEA and Ordinance No.2687 at its first reading, subject to the stipulation, for the record, that if the Memorandum of Understanding is not signed by Payroll time Friday, August 6, 1976, Council will not approve the Ordinance on second reading, and the Memorandum will be null and void. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

17. SECOND READING SALARY ORDINANCE for Exempt, Executive and Elected Employees.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2678 at its second and final reading, with the following modifications:

ARTICLE 3 - CITY CLERK -

Other Specified Tasks:

Delete from Item 1: "(this task to be transitioned over to the City Manager during the current fiscal year)."

Delete Item 2.

Items #3, 4, 5, and 6 to remain intact, but with no monthly compensation stated.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Geissert, Wilson; Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong.

It was stated by Councilman Rossberg that he is in agreement with the above stated changes in Ordinance No. 2678; his negative vote is for the reason of record: "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."

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Cont.):

43. City Manager Ferraro noted the problems presented for the August 31st Council meeting due to Council vacation schedules, etc., and recommended a "dark night" on that date. Councilman Wilson moved that the Council be dark on August 31, 1976. The motion was seconded Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Armstrong absent).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:50 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