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Adjourned at 7:15 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, October 19, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: Assistants to the City Manager Meyer and Jackson, Deputy City Attorney Freeman, and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Librarian West led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend George Johnson, Cathedral of Life Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of the minutes of September 30, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert 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 Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Ad Hoc Oil Committee:  
October 20th at 5:00 P.M.

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PROCLAMATION:

8. DAY IN COURT FOR LEGAL SECRETARIES - October 22, 1976.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

REAL PROPERTY:

9. RESOLUTION quitclaiming certain properties in the Torrance Beach parking lot.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN DEED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS QUITCLAIMING ALL OF THE CITY'S RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST TO CERTAIN TORRANCE BEACH PROPERTIES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-216. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

10. ORDINANCE setting a 35 MPH speed limit on Skypark Drive west of Crenshaw Boulevard.

ORDINANCE NO. 2703

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.10.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING A THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT FOR SKYPARK DRIVE BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND GARNIER STREET

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2703 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

11. APPROVAL OF BINDERS FOR EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER JACKSON:

1. Concur in the Binders between the listed insurance companies (per communication of October 19, 1976) and the City of Torrance for insurance coverage for \$1,000,000 up to and including \$20,000,000;
2. Appropriate \$86,725 from the General Reserve of \$296,059, reducing the reserve to \$209,334.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Assistant to the City Manager. His motion, seconded by Mr. Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-217

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 PLATT MUSIC CORPORATION, TOOKER MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND TORRANCE ALUMINUM WINDOW COMPANY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-217. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

13. NOVEMBER, 1976 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE:

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| Proposition 1 - Housing Finance Bond Law of 1975                            | Support |
| Proposition 2 - Nejedly-Hart State, Urban and Coastal Park Bond Act of 1976 | Support |
| Proposition 11 - Tax Rates on Unsecured Property                            | Support |
| Proposition 13 - Greyhound Dog Racing - Initiative Statute                  | Oppose  |
| Proposition A - Increase Board of Supervisors                               | Support |
| Proposition B - County Mayor  | Support |

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to adopt the above report of the Legislative Liaison Committee. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2702.

Councilman Rossberg moved to hold Item #14 for one week. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

PLANNING HEARING:

15. ALIGNMENT OF THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF BLUFF STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Because of the controversial nature of this matter, even though it has been advertised, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the public hearing be continued to the next regular City Council meeting on October 26, 1976 when the full Council will be present.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation to hold Item #15 to the Council meeting of October 26th. The motion was seconded by Councilman

Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

Audience members in attendance on this matter indicated their concurrence with the continuance.

APPEAL - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

16. CITIZEN APPEAL OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION DECISION regarding removal of red curb markings at 2685 - 231st Street.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and following Staff presentation by Sr. Associate Transportation Engineer Collins, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Raymond Moore, 2688 West 231st Street, stated that there is confusion in the neighborhood as to why the curbs were painted red in an accident-free area.

Representing Mr. Kurt Schulze (who had originally requested the red curbing), Attorney Rudy Limon reviewed Department of Transportation policy which grants red curbing on request of property owner, subject to certain circumstances; noted the fact that protests are based on lack of notification and reduced parking; etc. Mr. Limon then elaborated on the safety factor at this site and the need for the requested red curbing.

Mrs. Eldora Cathey described the limited parking available for residents on 231st Street, and noted the hardship which will be created by the red curbing.

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

Council discussion followed. Considered were matters pertaining to criteria for the red curb policy; neighborhood parking problems; like situations in other areas of the City; safety and visibility aspects; the extent of red curbing actually needed; etc.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster, concurred in by the Council, that the red curbing be narrowed down to some 16-20 ft. on the curved portion, thereby leaving some 45 to 50 ft. for parking.

The following action was taken by the Council:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to approve 16 to 20 feet of red curbing, the precise footage to be determined by Staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster that the matter of parking problems presented by boats and recreational vehicles be taken up with the homeowners association for, hopefully, a satisfactory solution.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

17. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23941.  
 Subdivider: Coast Mortgage and Realty Investors  
 Engineer: South Bay Engineering  
 Location: North of Sepulveda Boulevard between  
 Crenshaw and Vine  
 No. of Lots: 63

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:  
 That Final Tract Map No. 23941 be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

18. FASHION WAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - Modification of Survey Area to include boundary streets.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING REDEVELOPMENT  
 SURVEY AREA NO. 4 FOR STUDY PURPOSES AND  
 RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 76-138 RELATING  
 TO THE SAME MATTER  
 (TORRANCE FASHION WAY)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-218. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

RESOLUTION NO. 76-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE TORRANCE  
 PLANNING COMMISSION TO SELECT A REDEVELOP-  
 MENT PROJECT AREA WITHIN REDEVELOPMENT  
 SURVEY AREA NO. 4 AND TO FORMULATE A  
 PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT  
 OF THE PROJECT AREA, AND RESCINDING  
 RESOLUTION NO. 76-139 RELATING TO THE  
 SAME MATTER  
 (TORRANCE FASHION WAY)

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt Resolution No. 76-219. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

19. RESOLUTION re: Conditions of Termination -  
 Torrance Fashion Way Redevelopment Project.

Desired clarification was provided by Redevelopment Agency Counsel Jacobs.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING CONDITIONS FOR  
TERMINATION OF THE TORRANCE FASHION WAY  
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-220. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

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The hour being 6:50 P.M., the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:51 P.M.

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ADDENDA ITEMS (Cont.):

20. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1976 GRANT APPLICATION. (CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY BASEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the Council authorize an increased estimated cost project from \$494,200 to \$672,340 for the Civic Center Library basement improvement project.

Staff members responded to Council questions pertaining to this substantial discrepancy in computations -- increased cost per square foot, necessary revisions due to mechanical equipment operations, remodeling of vacated areas, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

The Mayor indicated that his second was a "reluctant" one -- however, the matter has now gone too far. It is not realistic, in Mayor Miller's opinion, that the project was underestimated to such a degree when inflationary factors are so well known.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

21. A "WELCOME BACK" to Mayor Miller was expressed by Councilman Brewster -- concurred in by all present.
22. Mr. Arnold Johnson, 2278 West 232nd Street, representing SETHA, read a prepared statement, of record, pertaining to Reliever Training Airports.

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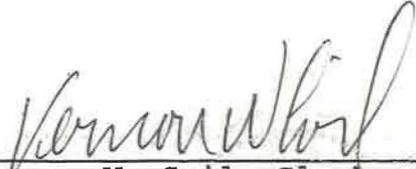
Director of Transportation Horkay indicated that this report will be incorporated in the current study of the Airport.

23. Ms. Evelyn Eckelstone, 2414 West 185th Street, representing the Torrance Pilots Association, expressed their appreciation to the Council and the Department of Transportation for the new Pilots Lounge -- the building is more than adequate; it is very neat, quite attractive and well kept.

24. Councilman Brewster noted the need for Staff review of taxi service at the Airport.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



Ken Miller  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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