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Adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 1976, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Brewster, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at 5:20 P.M.  
Absent: Councilman Armstrong.

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

3. DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Councilman Wilson moved to dispense with the regular order of business. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Armstrong absent).

4. REQUEST BY CITY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: PENDING LITIGATION.

5. REQUEST BY CITY MANAGER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

So ordered.

6. RETENTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That Council adopt the subject resolution authorizing the City to enter into the agreement pertaining thereto with Mr. Robert Short for professional services.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST  
THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT SHORT  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-223. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster.

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Discussion was directed to the City Attorney's recommendation that the "total anticipated amount not to exceed \$5500...", it being the ultimate direction of the Council that the resolution be adopted with the condition that \$5500 is budgeted, but the contract will be amended to put a limit of \$2500 on same, with Council review over the \$2500 amount.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion to adopt Resolution No. 76-223, with the above noted stipulation, was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilman Armstrong absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

7. City Clerk Coil advised, at Mayor Miller's question, that newly elected Councilman Brown will be formally seated as a Council member approximately December 7th. It was the request of Mayor Miller that Mr. Brown be provided agendas and pertinent materials during this interim period. The Mayor further indicated his intent that Mr. Brown would assume Council Committee assignments formerly held by George Surber.

8. City Manager Ferraro reported that Councilman Armstrong had notified him that he would be unable to be present at this meeting, due to a physical problem.

9. Councilwoman Geissert requested appropriate recognition for Mrs. Eleanor Nowicki's compilation of a "Needs Assessment" and the valuable information contained therein. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

10. It was the recommendation of Councilman Brewster, concurred in by Committee members Rossberg and Miller, that there should be another meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Property Taxes -- also recommended by Mr. Brewster was the development of material regarding renewed protests, such material to be included with present tax information.

11. Following discussion, it was the direction of the Council that City Manager Ferraro return with a report regarding the development of a common candidate from cities with municipal bus lines for appointment to the County Transportation Commission.

The Council recessed at 5:40 P.M. for the purpose of the above noted Executive Sessions, returning at 7:00 P.M. for formal adjournment. No action was taken.

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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