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Adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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, November 23, 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: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Water System Manager Borgwat led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Reverend Bruce Lundberg, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 1976 and November 2, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works Committee:

Met on November 22nd to consider major water construction in Downtown Torrance -- report to Council forthcoming.

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Charter Review Committee:

Met on November 17th -- it was agreed not to tag on to the School Board election -- report forthcoming.

Council/School Board Committee:

Met last week re: Hull Sump -- report forthcoming.

Ad Hoc Committee - Horses:

Report forthcoming.

PRESENTATION:

8. TITLE PLAQUE to Eleanor Nowicki for her contribution in the area of Human Resources.

Presentation of the plaque was made by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council, with grateful acceptance by Mrs. Nowicki.

ELECTION MATTERS:

9. CANVASS OF RETURNS - Special Municipal Election, November 2, 1976.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the matter of the canvass of the official returns for the Special Municipal Election held November 2, 1976, and the seating of the new Councilmember be continued until 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, November 30, 1976.

Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PUBLIC WORKS:

10. RESOLUTION re: agreement for certain contractual work in connection with the Civic Center Library.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND H. WENDELL MOUNCE A.I.A. AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE PROPOSED REMODELING OF THE MAIN LIBRARY BASEMENT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-233. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE CRENSHAW-SANTA FE GRADE SEPARATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the firm of Moffatt and Nichol be selected for consultant services on the Crenshaw/Santa Fe Grade Separation.

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2. That Staff be directed to negotiate an appropriate agreement with Moffatt and Nichol, and return to the City Council for approval.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

12. COMMERCIAL LEASE OF 2929 AIRPORT DRIVE (formerly Bonanza Airlines).

The differing opinions of members of the Transportation Committee (of record) were noted. Presentations were made by Committee Chairman, Councilman Brewster; Members Geissert and Rossberg; and Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECU-
TION OF THAT CERTAIN RENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MED-ART
INDUSTRIES, DOING BUSINESS AS MED-ART
LEASING COMPANY

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that any desired modification is possible in view of the month-to-month basis -- as to the Benbow operation, the City is constantly being asked to scale down Airport operations; therefore, rather than to expand a facility, per objections voiced at public hearings, he would favor Med-Art, based on their income projections, etc.

Councilman Wilson thereupon MOVED for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-234. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert

Speaking at this time, prior to roll call vote on the above motion, were:

Mr. Louis Vandenberg, Benbow Aviation, reviewed the present inadequacy of his facility, the impossibility of expansion, and the hardship confronted by him without this added space.

Mr. Peter Walker, 409 Calle Mayor, urged that the subject property be rented to Mr. Vandenberg in view of the fine reputation he has established on the Airport, his accomplishments, etc. over the past nine years.

The next speaker was Dr. Phillip De Langis, 4060 West 226th Street, representing Med-Art, who noted the financial stability of his company, and affirmed that there definitely would be no commuter business.

Mr. Bernie Hollander, 22959 Nadine Circle, indicated concurrence with the findings of Councilman Brewster in this case.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 76-234 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong (supports Councilman
Brewster's position); Brewster.

It was the comment of Councilman Rossberg that his affirmative vote was for the reason that, while for Benbow Aviation, doing nothing is incorrect.

Councilwoman Geissert recommended Transportation Committee review regarding guidelines for future lease negotiations which might lead to expanded aeronautical uses -- such guidelines to be used until adoption of the Master Plan. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that Staff report on a quarterly basis the amount of revenue that comes to the City from the Med-Art operation.

Staff review of the Benbow Aviation hardships and inadequacies was requested by Councilman Armstrong.

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TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

13. STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 76-1 - Improvement of Hawthorne Boulevard between 236th Street and Pacific Coast Highway (B76-56).

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the contract for this project be awarded to Smith Electric for \$7,854.00, and that all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Director of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-235

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 GERALD S. TARLOW, ATTORNEY
AT LAW

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-235. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

15. PERMIT TO USE ENTRADERO PARK AS A SITE FOR BICYCLE MOTOCROSS RACES.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION/
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

That the permit to hold a series of bicycle motocross races at Entradero Park be approved with the following conditions:

1. That the series be three dates only.
2. That information on the fee to be charged the youth be made available to the Commission.
3. That one Staff member be assigned to be present at each meet.
4. That a Park and Recreation Commissioner be present at the meet.
5. That the necessary liability insurance required by the City be provided by Mr. Jaracz and Mr. Osborn.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:16. DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPEAL OF POLICE OFFICER
LOIS REYNOLDS.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that Ms. Reynolds attorney has requested that the hearing be scheduled on December 7th, instead of November 30th. There were no objections to the request.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to set December 7, 1976 as the date to hold the hearing on the requested disability retirement of Police Officer Lois Reynolds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION.

Representing TPOA, Officer Phil Joseph stated that there is a lack of cooperation in Civil Service matters, citing incidents indicating same. As to the Executive Officer position, it was the comment of Officer Joseph that the Council should not arbitrarily vote to make this an exempt position -- hopefully, some workshop sessions can be scheduled in order that feasible guidelines might be established.

Continuing, Officer Joseph stated the finding of TPOA that the Executive Officer should remain under the present City ordinance; it would be illegal to do otherwise -- that the Civil Service Commission appoint the Executive Officer after competitive examination and the rule of three, subject to the approval of the City Council -- that the Executive Officer position remain under the classified service -- that the Executive Officer be allowed to set up the budget for his office, subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission and the City Council -- that the Civil Service Commission, with the approval of the City Council, set the salary of the Executive Officer -- that the Executive Officer position be filled on a temporary basis until such time as the Charter amendment has been ratified (which has been done).

Councilman Rossberg, chairman of the Civil Service Committee, reviewed the committee's deliberations in this matter, with note of the input from employee organizations, which resulted in their recommendations, of record.

Ms. Laura Rosenberg, Personnel Consultant to the Civil Service Commission, advised that the Commission does not disagree with the City Manager in terms of the salary or title recommendations; the disagreement is in the area of the method of appointment. Further, per Ms. Rosenberg, the Commission is concerned about the legal questions surrounding the removal of a position out of the classified service and making it an exempt position which might be subject to influence.

Following further discussion and clarification, Council action is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the following recommendations of the City Manager:

1. That the City Council not change the current job description of Executive Officer;
2. That the City Council concur in changing the title of Executive Officer to Civil Service Administrator;
3. That the City Council adopt the subject resolution setting forth wages and benefits for the position of Civil Service Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH COMPENSA-
TION AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR CIVIL SERVICE
ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman Rossberg moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-236. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the Civil Service Committee review the ordinance now being prepared by the City Attorney regarding the method of filling the position, as well as the question of a contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2709.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 97.6.8
TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT
OIL WELL DECORATIONS WHICH CONSTITUTE AN
ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE TO CHILDREN

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2709 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2710.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.55.1
DEALING WITH OVERTIME COMPENSATION AND
ADDING A NDE SECTION 17.55.1 DEALING WITH

THE SAME SUBJECT OF ARTICLE 5, PART V,
OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2710 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

20. RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR POLICE AUTOMATED WANT AND WARRANT SYSTEM - 1976-77 - \$24,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve of the rate change requested by the City of Los Angeles for Torrance's participation in their "Want and Warrant System" and approve of the continued participation in this program.

21. CONCRETE STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.
(B76-35)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor (contract total \$29,590.11).

22. CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK ADJACENT TO SUR LA BREA PARK (B76-57) JOB. NO. 77158

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to East Bay Paving and Construction, and all other bids be rejected.

23. SALE OF SURPLUS MOBILE RADIOS (B76-58)

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve of the sale of these surplus mobile radios to the highest bidder per item (per bid form of record) as follows:

1. Items #2-16, 18-20, 22, 24-27 and 29 to Charles Jenzen, Robert Main and Douglas Marston (three private individuals) in the total amount of \$763.18 including sales tax.
2. Item #1 to Pete Morrison in the amount of \$49.37 including sales tax.
3. Items #17, 21, 23 and 28 to Mann CTE, Inc. in the total amount of \$209.88 including sales tax.

24. FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 7115 (D76-21)

Subdivider: York and Voce
Engineer: J.H. Edwards
Location: Between 236th Place and 237th Street
165 feet east of Arlington Avenue
No. of Lots: 4

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Parcel Map No. 7115 be approved and said street dedications be accepted.

25. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 26392
 Subdivider: Carriage Real Estate Group
 Bonding Co.: Western Surety Company

<u>BOND TYPE</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	2258685	\$14,700
Payment	2258685	7,350
• Inspection	2258686	960

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
 That subject bonds be released.

26. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 32436.
 Subdivider: Total Concepts Corporation
 Bonding Co.: Pacific Employers Insurance Company

<u>TYPE BOND</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	M-16-62-95	\$ 7,100
Payment	M-16-62-95	3,550
Inspection	M-16-62-96	1,000

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
 That subject bond be released.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and #26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:55 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 8:57 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. City Manager Ferraro provided copies of his November 23rd communication regarding Candidates for the Los Angeles County Transportation Committee (of record) to the Council, and verbally clarified the contents of this letter. Additional input on the current status of this matter was given by Mayor Miller.

Following extended discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Mayor Miller, as the City's representative at the December 2nd League meeting, be given needed latitude in the selection of the candidate, with a general preference indicated for Mayors Russ and Trives.

28. City Manager Ferraro announced the appointment of Mayor Miller to the League of California Cities Special Task Force on Property Tax Reform. Mr. Ferraro also noted that he has been appointed to the Technical Task Force Committee on the same subject.

29. Councilman Armstrong requested Staff review and recommendation of the League resolution regarding the building and the assessment thereof. Like review and recommendation pertaining to recent proposals from RSVP and Bay Cities Council of the Aging re: transportation for senior citizens.

30. Councilwoman Geissert advised that in a recent communication received by her there has been a request that senior citizens on low incomes be exempt from dog license fees. It was the recommendation of Mrs. Geissert that this matter be referred to the Senior Citizens Council; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

31. Mr. Harry Bartells, 21230 Talisman, reported problems with skunks in his neighborhood, and the concern of residents for the safety of children who play in the vacant lots. Mayor Miller requested immediate follow-through by City Manager Ferraro.

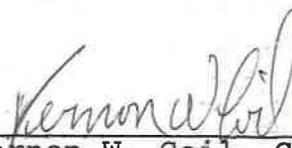
32. Mr. John Alter, 23530 Arlington, on behalf of the Beach Cities Symphony Association, presented a copy of the November 12th program with the Korean guest conductor, and noted that the Beach Cities conductor is now touring Korea.

33. Happy Thanksgiving wishes were expressed by the Council.

At 9:55 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (a proper subject matter, per the City Attorney). The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 10:10 P.M. for formal adjournment; no action was taken.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

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