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Adjourned at 7:01 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, November 30, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilman Rossberg arrived at 5:45 P.M. 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:

Mr. Ed Enrietta led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The inadvertent omission of Page 8A from the minutes of November 9th was noted by Councilman Armstrong who MOVED to approve the minutes of November 9, 1976, as recorded, with the addition of Page 8A. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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 (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No reports.

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Mayor Miller announced the forthcoming "Rose Ball" on December 11th hosted by the Torrance Rose Float Association -- the Tournament of Roses Queen and her Court will be special guests -- and all present were invited to attend.

PROCLAMATION:

8. LOVE AMERICA WEEK - December 1-7, 1976.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

ELECTION MATTERS:

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

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the matter of the Canvass of Official Returns for the Special Municipal Election held November 2, 1976, and the swearing-in of the new Councilmember be continued until 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 7, 1976.

Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Clerk. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

FISCAL MATTERS:

10. SITE PLAN STUDY NORTH OF CIVIC CENTER.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the sum of \$3,200 be appropriated from the General Fund Reserve for the Police Facility for the completion of a Site Plan Study for the proposed police facility, bus facility and Department of Motor Vehicles.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

See Page 4.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. RESOLUTION granting CUP 76-68, Garrett Corporation.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL

USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF
A 72,000 SQUARE FOOT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
DEL AMO BOULEVARD BETWEEN VAN NESS AND
WESTERN AVENUES
(CUP 76-68, Garrett Corporation)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-237. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

13. ORDINANCE re: Development Standards for Service Stations.

ORDINANCE NO. 2711

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 95.3.15
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY
THE APPLICATION OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
FOR SERVICE STATIONS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2711 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

PLANNING HEARINGS:

(Held for the hour of 6:00 P.M.)

14. BLUFF STREET ALIGNMENT. (Page 4)
15. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS. (Page 5)
16. D76-28 (EA 76-88), Marvin E. Miller. (Page 6)

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

(Held for the hour of 6:00 P.M.)

17. SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, INC. (Page 6)

ROUTINE MATTERS:

18. PURCHASE OF 4 1977 POLICE MOTORCYCLES (Bid #B76-61).

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by Rich Budelier Company for four only new Police Motorcycles in the total amount of \$12,164.56, including tax.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Rossberg had not yet arrived at the meeting).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

19. Councilman Brewster commended Staff for the communication which went out pertaining to the County Transportation Committee appointment.

The Transportation Department was also praised by Mr. Brewster for its immediate follow-up on the rumor re: the 325 monies.

20. Councilwoman Geissert reported on recent activities at the Hope Methodist Church Sunday School Building, the upgrading thereof by the South Bay Juvenile Diversion Program, and requested Staff investigation re: the possibility of using Housing and Community Development Funds for the improvement of this building. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

(Councilman Rossberg arrived at this point in the meeting, the hour being 5:45 P.M.)

21. Councilman Wilson reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities conference and outlined the important deliberations of this group.

The Council now returned to:

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

At 5:50 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session re: hours, wages and working conditions (a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 6:08 P.M.; no action was taken.

The hour of 6:00 P.M. having arrived, the Council resumed its regular agenda order.

PLANNING HEARINGS:

14. BLUFF STREET ALIGNMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Plan 1 be adopted with pedestrian and bicycle traffic allowed in the access way.

Staff presentations were made by C.E. Associate Bourbonnais and Fire Chief Slonecker, following announcement by Mayor Miller that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing.

Present on this matter were Messrs. Raymond Drew, 3897 Bluff Street, and Alvin Smithart, 22620 Ocean Avenue, both of whom indicated concurrence with Plan 1 as recommended by the City Engineer.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer for the adoption of Plan 1. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing; Staff presentation was provided by Planning Director Shartle.

There being no one present who wished to be heard on this matter, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with Planning Commission recommendations 1-4, as follows:

(1) That the property on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard between Orange Avenue and Vine Avenue, described in ZC 75-12, be reclassified from light industrial and retail commercial to low density residential.

(2) That the area north of Sepulveda Boulevard, between Crenshaw Boulevard and Vine Avenue, described in ZC 76-1, be reclassified from light industrial to low density residential.

(3) That the area on the south side of Redondo Beach Boulevard, easterly of Yukon Avenue, described in ZC 76-4, be reclassified from medium density residential to retail commercial.

(4) That the area on the south side of Torrance Boulevard at the westerly City limits, described in ZC 76-7, be reclassified from medium density residential to retail commercial.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with the exception of negative votes cast by Councilwoman Geissert on recommendations #1 and #2.

It was the unanimous direction of the Council that amendment #5: "That the 54-acre parcel on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard between Madrona and Maple Avenues, described in the Santa Fe Study, be reclassified from a Special Study Area to Public/Quasi Public/Open Space in the Land Use Element and that appropriate revisions be made in the Environmental Resources Element to reflect this reclassification." -- be referred back to the Planning Commission to finish its deliberations.

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16. D76-28 (EA 76-88) Marvin E. Miller: Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Division of Lot to create three parcels in the R-1 zone which deleted avigation easement requirement on property located on the north side of 239th Street approximately 150 feet west of Arlington Avenue (2307 West 239th Street). APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH CONDITIONS.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the request of the applicant and the City Attorney that this matter be continued until December 21, 1976. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

17. SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, INC. application for permit to operate taxicabs in the City.

RECOMMENDATION OF LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

That the license be issued for six cabs and the proposed rate schedule be approved. In making this recommendation the Board urges your Honorable Body to limit the license to one year so as to permit a review of the financial stability of Southwest Transportation, Inc., the impact on Fasco Investments, quality of service, etc. In that regard, Council is being asked to hold a hearing in November/December 1977 to determine whether a license of indeterminate length should be granted.

In addition, the License Review Board recommends that the San Pedro Cab be required to add to their advertisement in the Yellow Pages a notice that they are licensed to pick up fares in the City of Torrance. At the present time there are three cab companies advertised in the South Bay Yellow Pages, none of which indicate in which cities they are licensed for pick-up.

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

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Finance Director Dundore, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Dave Tarpinion, vice president, Fasco Investments which owns and operates Yellow Cab, was present to state that they had originally intended to protest the subject request; however, their questions have now been satisfactorily answered by Mr. Dundore. It was also confirmed by Mr. Dundore, at Mr. Tarpinion's question, that the only cabs which may be operated in Torrance are those which are licensed to do business in this City and bear the appropriate decal on their rear bumper.

Their being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Council discussion ensued. Of concern to Councilman Rossberg was the drop in profits for this company, the fact that the financial statement has not been audited; etc.; the absence of customer complaints under the present arrangement was also noted by Mr. Rossberg. It was the consensus of the remainder of the Council that there be approval of the request along the lines suggested by the License Review Board.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Review Board, as above stated. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg (Code requirements have not been met with regard to applicant's financial responsibility).

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The hour being 7:00 P.M. the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 7:01 P.M.

There being no further business on the Council agenda, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance