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Adjourned at 8:06 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 Tuesday, January 11, 1977, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

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

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Lee Roy Brandes, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of December 7 and December 14, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Armstrong 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 or any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Transportation Committee:

Will next meet on January 19th at 6:00 P.M. - re: avigation easements.

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Park, Recreation and Community Development:
 Joint meeting with School Board on January 13th,
 4:00 P.M., at School District offices.

Finance Committee:
 Midyear Budget Review will be held on January 27th
 at 5:30 P.M.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

8. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS.

Mayor Miller invited Commission applicants to speak at this time, noting that appointments will be made on January 18th.

Seeking Commission appointments were: Steve Berman, John Blaisdell, Donald Bradway, John Bramhall, Richard Czueleger, William Delaney, Richard Finston, Judith Garvey, Robert Fox, Susan Gibbons, Dee Hardison, Gretchen Harrison, Giles Hangeler, Richard Holzman, Steven Jarvis, Henry Kirk, Lenora Lee, Frances Limbird, Harold Lindborg, Joseph Lautrec, Alice Maguire, David Mars, Alexander Pawluk, Helen Rogers, Betty Rogers, John Sollis, Dave Saliba, Velma Shelbourn, Stan Smith, Sam Suitt, Carroll Terry, James Vogle, Daniel Walker, Peter Whitney, Thomas Wilson, Bill Wright, Albert Bohnet and John Dunbar.

On completion of the above interviews, Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess, the hour being 6:50 P.M.

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BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

9. PROPOSED ELEVATOR IN OLD SECTION OF CITY HALL COMPLEX.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the City of Torrance enter into a contract with the firm of H. Wendell Mounce A.I.A. & Associates to prepare the plans and specifications for the proposed elevator in the old section of the City Hall Complex for a lump sum not to exceed \$9,500.

No appropriation is necessary as the contract for the work will be funded from the second year Department of Housing and Urban Development Funds noted as City Job No. 77553.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

The Housing and Community Development Division of the Planning Department has determined that this contract for services is an eligible activity under the regulations of the Housing and Community Act of 1974, and concurs with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT to remodel Fire Station No. 5.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/

FIRE CHIEF:

- 1. That a contract be awarded to T.D. Erickson Construction, the low bidder, in the amount of \$43,790;
- 2. That an additional amount of \$28,885 be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund to cover the increased cost of the project, Job No. 77108. This will provide a total budget of \$50,000 to pay the Architect, construction contractor, and miscellaneous costs, and allow a 5% contingency.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Building and Safety Director and the Fire Chief. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

- 11. RESOLUTION re: Uniform Traffic Controls - Redondo Beach Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-10. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

- 12. RESOLUTION authorizing appropriation of funds to be received under Title II of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS PAYABLE TO SAID CITY OF TORRANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE II OF THE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1976

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-11. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager for allocation of Title II funds to the various on-going program areas as outlined in schedule of record. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

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

See Page 8.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2716.

ORDINANCE NO. 2716

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 NORTH SIDE OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND VINE STREET, AND WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 76-9
(Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company)

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2716 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown; Mayor Miller (neither was present at hearing).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

15. ORDINANCE revising the City's regulations re: burglary alarm systems.

ORDINANCE NO. 2717

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DELETING CHAPTER 8, DIVISION 3, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 8 IN ITS PLACE TO CONFORM ALARM SYSTEM PERMITS TO CHANGES IN THE STATE LAW

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2717 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

An Amended Agenda Item was provided the Council, it being the recommendation of Planning Director Shartle that the Council, by minute motion, designate itself to serve as the City's Housing Agency, and that Staff is to prepare an application for Section 8 (HAPP) funds upon request from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

17. APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

RECOMMENDATION OF RUSSELL J. WEST, STAFF COORDINATOR TORRANCE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:

That each member of the Torrance Bicentennial Committee be presented with a plaque symbolic of the services they rendered to the City of Torrance during the Bicentennial Year.

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

18. 701 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the City Council authorize the filing of the Preliminary Application for a Comprehensive Planning Assistance (701) Grant as presented.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Planning Director. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION granting CUP 76-60, Engracia Associates.

Mr. Ralph L. Bernstein was present -- this item was held until later in the meeting in order that he might read the contents of the Resolution. See Page 6.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

20. AWARD OF CONTRACT for resurfacing and color coating of 4 City park play courts - Bid #B76-63 - \$6,300.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve of an award of contract for the required resurfacing and color coating of City play courts to the low bidder, American Recreational Resurfacing Company, in the total amount of \$6,300.00, including sales tax.

21. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 32092.

SUBDIVIDER: T.&T. Investments (Michael Tumanjan)

BONDING CO.: Hallmark Insurance Company

<u>TYPE BOND</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	HBC 21339	\$124,000
Payment	HBC 21339	62,000
Inspection	HBC 21340	3,800

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bonds be released.

22. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS - Tract No. 29294
 SUBDIVIDER: Wilcraft Development (Don Wilson, Jr.)
 BONDING CO.: Fremont Indemnity Company

<u>TYPE BOND</u>	<u>BOND NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Performance	19125	\$ 3,800
Payment	19127	1,900
Inspection	19126	1,000

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That subject bonds be released.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #20, 21, and #22. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

23. TEMPORARY SERVICES OF LAURA ROSENBERG AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

That Council concur in continuing the contract with Laura Rosenberg for professional services on a month-to-month basis, as the rate of \$20 per hour, not to exceed eight hours per week except where necessary for Commission or committees of the Commission meetings.

The City Manager concurs in the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission.

CITY MANAGER NOTE:

Funds are available from salary savings and no additional appropriation will be required.

Staff clarification was provided by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson. Council discussion ensued, with general displeasure expressed at the lack of notice in this matter, and the absence of follow-through on review of the contract prior to its termination, there now being no alternative but to go along with the recommendation.

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

The Council now returned to:

19. RESOLUTION granting CUP 76-60, Engracia Associates.

Representing Engracia Associates, Mr. Ralph Bernstein advised that he had read the subject resolution and was not in agreement with its contents. Also noted by Mr. Bernstein was the need for inclusion of Public Works Committee

recommendations in the body of the resolution, rather than reference thereto in the WHEREAS section.

It was the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer that Item #19 be held for one week to permit further review of the wording of the subject resolution.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to hold Item #19 for one week so that it may be reviewed by the City Attorney and resubmitted to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:35 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:40 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

24. Councilman Armstrong commended the Craftsman Guild for its contribution towards the new kiln at Joslyn Center, and requested that there be formal recognition of this action.

25. The honor bestowed upon Records Management Coordinator Fern Hansen by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators in naming her "Member of the Year" was announced by Councilman Armstrong. Appropriate congratulations from the Council were requested by Mr. Armstrong.

26. Councilman Armstrong requested a status report re: Public Works Grant -- Budget Officer Ng will follow through in this regard.

27. The matter of new legislation re: fine arts and historical preservation was reviewed at length by Councilman Armstrong who proposed the following:

1. Appropriate Staff be directed to monitor progress of arts, humanities and cultural affairs program enacted as HR 12838, and report on the feasibility of obtaining a grant for fine arts in the community.
2. Appropriate Staff be given the same instruction with regard to the new Museum Services Act (Historical Society should certainly be involved).
3. Appropriate Staff invite the Historical Society and Southern Pacific Railroad to join in evaluation and analysis of the impact of the historical preservation legislation with a view toward preservation of the old Pacific Electric Depot in the Central Business District used currently as a freight office. This structure is of architectural as well as historical importance, having been designed by one of California's great architects, Irving K. Gill

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

28. Councilman Brewster commended all Staff members who had contributed to the smooth, efficient handling of the demands of the just completed Holiday Season. Commended as well by Mr. Brewster were those employees who so successfully coped with the recent rains and the attendant problems.

29. Councilman Brown expressed his pleasure at the outstanding caliber of Commission applicants at this meeting -- their indicated desire to serve the City was most rewarding. Concurrence with these comments was indicated by the other Councilmembers.

30. A Staff report to the Ad Hoc Oil Committee on the status of pending items was requested by Councilman Wilson.

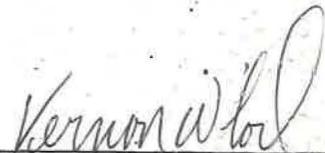
31. Mr. Henry Nowicki requested that he be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission.

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ITEM NO. 13:

At 7:55 P.M. the Council recessed for the purpose of an Executive Session re: Hours, Wages and Working Conditions, returning at 8:06 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