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Adjourned at 7:00 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, January 18, 1977, at 5:30 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:

City Librarian West led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 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:

Ad Hoc Committee on Horses:

Will next meet on Friday, January 21st, at 3:00 P.M.

Finance Committee:

Two meetings have been scheduled: January 27th at 5:30 P.M. for Mid-Year Budget Review; and Wednesday,

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February 9th, re: Revenue Sharing Capital Improvement Priorities.

Transportation Committee:

Will meet on Wednesday, January 19th, re: aviation easement.

Agency Selection Committee:

Will meet on Monday, January 31st, at 5:30 P.M. to consider possible development proposals for Skypark Redevelopment area.

8A. RESOLUTION commending Theodore Hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THEODORE HALL FOR HIS EXEMPLARY WORK WITH THE YOUTH OF THE SOUTH BAY AREA IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-12. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

INTRODUCTION:

8. INTRODUCTION OF MISS KAZUYO TAGUCHI.

Mr. Al Tripaldi, Y's Mens Club, introduced, with much pleasure, Miss Kazuyo Taguchi of Kashiwa, Japan, a registered nurse who will be a special observer at Torrance Memorial Hospital until February 11th. A warm welcome was extended Miss Taguchi by all present.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

9. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

The Council, by ballot, made the following Commission appointments:

Airport Commission:

John Blaisdell
Paul McAfee (will fill out Tom Child's term)
John Dunbar

Civil Service Commission:

Phil Tamoush
Peter Whitney

Environmental Quality Commission:

Frances Limbird

Fine Arts Commission:

Thomas Wilson
James Vogl

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Human Resources Commission:

Dr. Henry Kirk
David Mars

Library Commission:

Teresa Covey
Helen Rodgers

Park and Recreation Commission:

Betty Rogers
Dee Hardison (will fill out Guy Lee's term)

Planning Commission:

Velma Shelbourn
John Bramhall

Torrance Disaster Council:

Donald Bradway
Susan Gibbons (will fill out Harold Lindborg's term)

Traffic Commission:

William Delaney
William Johnson

Water Commission:

Carroll Terry
Bill Wright (full term)
Harold Lindborg (will fill out John Dunbar's term)

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for the above appointments. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PUBLIC WORKS:

10. RESOLUTION re: Crenshaw Boulevard grade separation.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AND PROSECUTE AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY BEFORE THE STATE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT A GRADE SEPARATION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD UNDER THE TRACKS OF THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-13. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

11. RETAINING WALL, CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AT VIA VALMONTE SOUTH OF PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That Alternative No. 3 be approved.

If the Council prefers Alternative No. 2, it is requested that \$6,000 additional 2106 Gas Tax be appropriated, and Staff be directed to re-bid the project to provide a concrete, masonry-type wall.

Staff presentation was provided by City Engineer Weaver. Council discussion was directed to the pros and cons of a wood pole-supported retaining wall vs. a concrete, masonry-type retaining wall - aesthetics, long term costs, etc.

Mrs. Marion Hoffman, 24890 Via Valmonte, deemed the wood pole arrangement a "logical and feasible solution". Mr. Dale Gasteiger, 3810 Paseo de las Tortugas, indicated his preference for the concrete wall.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to approve Alternative No. 2 - install a concrete, masonry-type retaining wall - and the appropriation of \$6,000 additional 2106 Gas Tax Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster; Mayor Miller.

REAL PROPERTY:

12. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY ON AIRPORT PROPERTY - South Bay Athletic Centre.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that this item be held for two weeks in that additional information is needed.

Representing the proponent, Mr. James Walsh, ABCO Construction, urged that this matter be expedited, indicating concurrence with the requested two week delay.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to hold Item #12 for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-14

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 HALBERT'S LUMBER COMPANY AND
CAL STEREO, INC.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-14. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

- 14. MADRONA MARSH CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS PREPARED BY THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY.

Withdrawn, at the request of Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

- 15. ORDINANCE re: Civil Service Administrator.

Representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, Officer Phil Joseph stated that the subject ordinance is illegal, citing Section 1300 of the Charter.

City Attorney Remelmeyer outlined the legal complications surrounding this matter -- Council discussion ensued, it ultimately being agreed that there be another meeting of the Civil Service Committee with the employee groups and all interested parties, and that Item #15 be returned to the Council agenda in three weeks. Councilman Rossberg so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 16. ORDINANCE re: extension of probationary period for department heads.

ORDINANCE NO. 2718

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4, 5 AND 20 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2718 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 17. ORDINANCE re: Compensation Provisions, Torrance Fire Fighters Association.

ORDINANCE NO. 2719

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART II OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE

MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN
HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve Ordinance No. 2719 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. ORDINANCE re: Compensation Provisions, Torrance Organization of Confidential Employees.

ORDINANCE NO. 2720

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE 6 OF PART IX OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH LAYOFF PROCEDURE AND LIMITED FUNDED POSITIONS

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2720 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2717.

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

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2717 at its second and final reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the request of the City Manager to hold Item #20 for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. V 75-5, Salvation Army.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the request of the proponent for a six month time extension. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller (not present at
hearing)

PLANNING APPEAL:

22. CUP 76-101, Wright-Major & Company and C.J. Carrese and Company (Don Jose Restaurant)

The request of the proponent to hold this item for one week was noted by City Manager Ferraro.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the request of the proponent to continue the subject hearing to January 25th at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

23. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SERVICES OFFICER.

RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION/PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: That the revised class specification for Services Officer (version "A") be adopted.

24. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 95 TORRANCE BOULEVARD WEST OF HENRIETTA STREET.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
That Sewer Reimbursement District No. 95 with a connection charge of \$10.86 per front foot be established to recover cost of sewer construction in Torrance Boulevard.

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

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The hour being 6:55 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:56 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. Councilman Armstrong commended Environmental Officer Roy Payne for his outstanding contribution in the recent oil pressure problem -- Councilman Rossberg joined in appreciation for Mr. Payne's efforts.

Further commendation for Acting Street Superintendent Garcia and his department in the effective handling of the oil leak problem was expressed by Councilman Armstrong.

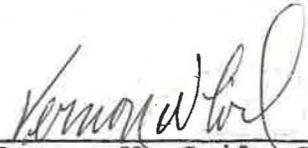
26. Councilwoman Geissert congratulated the new Commissioners, and expressed appreciation for their offers of help.

27. Appropriate recognition for Anna Maria Fernandez, national tennis champion, was requested by Councilman Wilson.

28. Councilman Wilson requested that there be an appropriate plaque prepared for presentation at the Awards Banquet of the Tournament of Roses Association on February 2nd. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance