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Adjourned at 7:25 P.M. to Tuesday, February 8, 1977
at 6:00 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, February 1, 1977, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster 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:

Police Lieutenant Cook led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend George A. Detor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Wilson moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 1977, as recorded. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

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 of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Will meet on February 9th at 5:30 P.M. to consider capital improvement priorities.

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Agency Selection Committee:

Met on January 31st re: Skypark development, and will again meet on Monday, February 7th, at 5:30 P.M.

REAL PROPERTY:

8. SOUTH BAY ATHLETIC CENTRE request for Airport Commercial Lease.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the Land Management Team be permitted to enter into lease negotiations with the South Bay Athletic Centre on the grounds that this project is of unique merit to the community and will provide a facility of great value to the citizens of Torrance.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Jerry Owens was present to provide any desired clarification.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Land Management Team. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (just arrived at the
meeting)

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

9. IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND PRAIRIE AVENUE INCLUDING LEFT-TURN SIGNALIZATION.

PART A:

RESOLUTION authorizing Agreement with the State of California.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

1. That monies budgeted for signal improvements at both the intersection of Artesia Boulevard and Prairie Avenue and the intersection of Artesia Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard be used only for signal improvements at the intersection of Artesia Boulevard and Prairie Avenue; and
2. That the subject resolution be adopted authorizing execution of a cooperative agreement with the State of California to improve the intersection of Artesia Boulevard and Prairie Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT NO.
3363 WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO
IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF ARTESIA
BOULEVARD AND PRAIRIE AVENUE

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Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation and for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-19. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PART B:

ADDITIONAL RED CURB ON NORTH SIDE OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION recommends rejection of any additional red curb.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION recommends installation of additional 115 feet of red curb.

POLICE DPARTMENT recommends installation of 230 feet of red curb.

Speaking in opposition to red curbing, and reiterating comments made at the Traffic Commission meeting on this matter were: Mr. Marvin Shockley, 4025 Artesia Boulevard; Mr. Don Burnell, 4015 Artesia Boulevard; and Mr. Gerald Healey, 4109 Artesia Boulevard.

Mr. Ben Cutter, CalTrans, stated that the project had been initiated primarily because of safety concerns, and reviewed the overall traffic problems at the subject intersection and the need for additional automobile capacity.

Council discussion was directed to the problems peculiar to Artesia Boulevard, possible remedial measures, the pros and cons of red curbing, it being generally acknowledged that the proposed red curbing would work a hardship on affected residents. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission (option #1-reject installation of any new red curb); further, that the right-hand lane be "right turn only", with appropriate signing and adequate notification. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that Staff review the possible need for lighting of the alley in this area. Requested by Mayor Miller was Staff research on possible action taken some ten years ago in the vicinity of 182nd and Yukon (Mr. Fleetwood's house) where alley parking was permitted.

10. RESOLUTION re: Lomita Lighting District.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WITHDRAWING ALL TERRITORY LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FROM THE LOMITA LIGHTING DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19290 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-20. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:11. CIVIC CENTER LAND EXCHANGE.RECOMMENDATION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to inform the County of Los Angeles that the City is no longer interested in proceeding with the Civic Center land exchange as heretofore conceived, with the possible exception of minor exchanges to straighten out property lines for street or access purposes.

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

12. POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. That \$81,500 be appropriated from the Police Building Reserve to proceed with Phase I of the project.

Phase I to consist of:

- A. Site selection layouts.
- B. Schematics of a new police facility.
- C. Updating the Civic Center Master Plan.
- D. A space utilization study and one line schematics for use of the vacated police building.
- E. Preliminary construction and site development costs.

(Note: The architect's initial fees not to exceed \$76,500, but since the City has an existing contract with the architect for a space utilization study of City Hall, an additional \$5,000 is needed to now include the present police facility in this study. The total award to the architect should then be \$81,500. Except for the \$5,000 for the additional space study, the fees awarded to the architect will be applied to his total fee. The initial fees are based on the maximum costs projected for construction and site development.)

2. That Phase II and Phase III of the project be initiated concurrent with Phase I as much as possible.
3. That the Police Building Project be given high priority and that the Finance Committee immediately begin exploring alternative methods of financing such as leaseback, grants, or combination of alternatives.
4. That the scope of the study and the updating of the Civic Center Master Plan include some thought of moving ahead on completion of Joslyn Center.

The City Manager's Office, the Director of Building and Safety, the Finance Director and the Chief of Police join in these recommendations.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved that the report of the Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. PUBLIC DEFENDER BUILDING.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council concur in the interim use of the Public Defender's Office as a joint use center by Personnel, Civil Service and Manpower operations.

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

14. LIBRARY REORGANIZATION.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/CITY LIBRARIAN:

That Council modify the Library Department budget by the following:

1. Delete one position of Principal Librarian (Children's Services).
2. Add: 1 Senior Librarian (Children's Services)
1 Children's Librarian.
3. Authorize the representatives of Management to meet with TLEA to develop a premium pay assignment re: Cataloging.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager/City Librarian. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCES re: Changes in hours, wages and working conditions and establishing hours, wages and working conditions for permanent parttime employees - TCEA.

ORDINANCE NO. 2721

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 11 ENTITLED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES TO PART VI, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2721 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable..

ORDINANCE NO. 2722

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PART VI, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2722 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. ORDINANCE re: revised class specifications for Grounds-keeper, Senior Groundskeeper, Supervising Groundskeeper and Sprinkler and Backflow Technician.

ORDINANCE NO. 2723

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.53.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGING CERTAIN CLASS TITLES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2723 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. ORDINANCE re: hours, wages and working conditions - Torrance Fire Fighters.

ORDINANCE NO. 2724

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

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2724 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

18. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN TORRANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE RE: HORSES:

After much thought and research, the Ad Hoc Committee re: Horses has determined that there is not a feasible site located in Torrance for the establishment of an equestrian center.

The Committee recommends extending the horse abatement period in the Victor Precinct area of Torrance from January 27, 1977 to July 27, 1977 (six months).

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

ROUTINE MATTERS:

19. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEARANCE AT 23724 CABRILLO AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the work and final payment be made in the amount of \$800 to AA Jet Housemovers, Inc., 16273 Pioneer Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650.

20. AUTOMATIC DOORS FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That Council accept the work and that final payment in the amount of \$9,598 be made to the Contractor, John R. Hundley, Inc., for the three automatic doors.

This final payment is to be allotted from the Housing and Community Development Fund, Account No. 76532.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #19 and #20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

21. RESOLUTION re: Approval of Wages for PREP Program (\$2.50 per hour).

RESOLUTION NO. 77-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES FOR PREP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-21. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 6:50 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its regular agenda at 7:10 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

22. City Librarian West advised that the Torrance School Board will consider a Federally funded project known as "Dial-A-Story" on Monday, February 7th; clarification regarding the role of the City in such a project will be forthcoming as a regular agenda item.

23. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that an appeal from the decision of the Civil Service Commission by Officer Mark Johnson has been received, and requested that such a hearing be set by the Council. It was agreed to schedule this hearing for Tuesday, February 8, 1977, at 6:00 P.M.

24. Councilwoman Geissert noted recent praise for the Torrance Library System expressed by Palos Verdes residents.

25. Mayor Miller reported on his attendance at the Torrance Lions Club affair which honored Ed and Ruthy Enrietta, and added his congratulations to them for all their wonderful efforts on behalf of the City of Torrance.

At 7:25 P.M., the Council adjourned to Tuesday, February 8, 1977 at 6:00 P.M.

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Vernon W. Coil

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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