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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, February 22, 1977 at 6:00 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 6:10 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Miss Anna Maria Fernandez led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Councilman Wilson provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilwoman Geissert 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:

Agency Selection Committee:

Will meet on February 24th at 6:00 P.M.

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Transportation Committee:

Will meet on Monday, February 28th, regarding avigation easement.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:8. APPEAL OF SUSPENSION - Officer Mark Johnson.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the subject appeal has been withdrawn.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to withdraw item #8 from the agenda. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

PRESENTATIONS:9. EXPLORER POST 1047X.

Presented to the Council by Officer Fuller were the new members of Explorer Post 1047X -- congratulations were extended these young men by Mayor Miller, on behalf of the Council.

10. RESOLUTION commending Marvin Pike.

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11. PLAQUES - Anna Maria Fernandez, Anna Lucia Fernandez, Trey Lewis, Dolores Fernandez, Robert Lansdorp

Congratulations and plaque presentations for the following accomplishments were provided by Councilman Wilson:

1. Anna Maria Fernandez
CIF Player of the Year - Tennis Singles
2. Anna Lucia Fernandez
CIF Runner-Up Tennis Singles
3. Anna Maria Fernandez and Trey Lewis
#1 National Women's Tennis Doubles,
16 and Under Age Group
4. Coaches
Dolores Fernandez and Robert Lansdorp.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

12. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Vacation of Drainage Easement.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES IN LOT 158, TRACT NO. 18747 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-31. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado, was present to elaborate on his material, of record, in this matter. Mayor Miller referred this material to Staff for appropriate follow-through for the March 15th public hearing.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

13. OIL NONCONFORMING USE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/CITY ATTORNEY: That the City Council take this subject matter off their agenda to be reset when the Ad Hoc Oil Committee has approved the proposed amendment.

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

Mr. Coleman Reynolds, American Pacific International, advised that they are entirely in favor of the recommended procedure.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-32

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 LARRY REED, INC.; INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTS COMPANY; AND G.B. IMPORTS SALES AND SERVICE, INC. DBA SOUTH BAY VOLVO

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-32. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST CONTRACT EXTENDING UNTIL JULY 1, 1977 THE TERMS OF THIS CERTAIN ON-THE-JOB TRAINING CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY AND WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TOOKER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-33. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. ORDINANCE re: Library Programs Administrator.

ORDINANCE NO. 2726

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.43.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGING THE CLASS TITLE OF PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN TO LIBRARY PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2726 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

17. LIBRARY CATALOG PUBLISHING.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN:

That Council concur in:

1. Delaying the printing of the 1976-77 biennial Master Catalog (so as to save these printing dollars), and
2. Authorize the solicitation of proposals to provide a microfilm catalog.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2725.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.63.1

AND SECTION 17.63.2 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD THE CLASS TITLE
AND SALARY OF GRAPHICS ILLUSTRATOR

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2725 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

19. CUP 76-110, Jose F. Cardenas.

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

20. APPLICATION FOR BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THIRD YEAR.

See Page 9.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

21. PURCHASE OF NEW BUDGETED CITY VEHICLES.
Ref. Bid #B77-3 Total Expenditure: \$97,782.09

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the following:

1. An award of contract for 2 3/4-ton pickup trucks (Bid Item 5) and 1 3/4-ton 4-wheel drive pickup truck (Bid Item 8) to G.M.C. Truck and Coach Division in the total amount of \$15,951.94 including tax.
2. An award of contract for 1 dump truck - 5 cu. yd. size (Bid Item 10) to International Harvester Company in the total amount of \$12,604.94 including tax.
3. An award of contract for 1 1/2-ton van (Bid Item 1); 4 sedans (Bid Item 2); and 3 1/2-ton trucks (Bid Item 9) to Martin Chevrolet in the total amount of \$45,506.01, including tax.
4. An award of contract for 1 3/4-ton van (Bid Item 3) and 1 3/4-ton pickup truck with utility body (Bid Item 6) to Beach City Chevrolet Company, in the total amount of \$11,481.92, including tax.
5. An award of contract for 1 1-ton truck (Bid Item 4) to Claude Short Dodge in the total amount of \$6744.36, including tax.
6. An award of contract for 1 3/4-ton (4 man cab crew) pickup truck (Bid Item 7) to Don Kott Ford in the total amount of \$5492.92, including tax.

22. PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE MOBILE RADIOS RE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASE WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - Expenditure: \$17,831.16

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

Approval of the purchase of budgeted replacement mobile and portable radios requested by the Police Department from the Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., Company in the total amount of \$17,831.16 as part of an

ongoing "Cooperative Purchasing Program" with the County of Los Angeles. Prices for these units are based on bids received by the County of Los Angeles which culminated in a contract between Los Angeles County and the Motorola Communications and Electronics Company (Ref. Contract #37123).

Advantageous prices to Torrance are thus based on the significant volume of radio purchases made by the County of Los Angeles.

This purchase includes:

- 5 standard portable radios - 4 freq.
- 10 motorcycle mobile radios - 4 freq.

23. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - SENIOR LIBRARIAN.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE

COMMISSION: That the City Council formally adopt the revised class specification for Senior Librarian.

24. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION - BUS OPERATOR.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE

COMMISSION: That the City Council formally adopt the revised class specification for Bus Operator.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

24A. Director of Transportation Horkay noted the February 23rd meeting of the County Transportation Commission where they will consider the composition of an Advisory Committee. It was the request of Mr. Horkay that Staff be authorized to seek an expanded composition of the committee proposal to the end that there will be Torrance representation on this Committee. Councilman Armstrong so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. Councilman Armstrong reported on the gas conservation efforts of National Supply Company, and the award therefor, with the request that there be appropriate Council recognition of these efforts.

26. Councilman Armstrong requested review by Building and Safety Director McKinnon re: the possibility of incorporating into the building code certain energy conservation practices.

27. The passing of Mrs. Grace Wright was regretfully noted by Councilman Armstrong, with the request that this meeting be adjourned in memory of her.

28. Councilman Brown discussed the litigation concerning the dumping of sludge into the Rolling Hills Landfill. A report on the current status of this matter was provided by Deputy City Attorney Freeman.

Following discussion, formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that the City Attorney be directed to report back in approximately two weeks regarding available options and cost estimates, and recommendations pertaining thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

29. Councilman Rossberg advised that the South Bay Councilmen will meet on February 24th; on the agenda will be the matter of the South Bay Animal Authority Team, headed up by Torrance Staff member, Glen Godfrey.

30. Councilman Wilson noted the request of American Youth Soccer for night lighting assistance, and referred same to Staff for appropriate follow-through.

31. City Manager Ferraro introduced Mr. Gregory Moore, newly appointed Staff member for Congressman Charles H. Wilson.

The Council now returned to:

PRESENTATIONS:

10. RESOLUTION commending Marvin Pike.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MARVIN PIKE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH HIS WORK WITH THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-30. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess at this point in the meeting, the hour being 7:20 P.M.

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On resumption of the meeting, consideration was directed to:

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

19. CUP 76-110, JOSE F. CARDENAS. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a public club with catered food, dancing, pool tables and game machines with the on-premise sale and consumption of beer and wine in an existing building in the C-2 zone on property located at 1614 Cabrillo Avenue. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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 Planning Assistant Woodward, invited comments from the audience.

The owner of the subject property, Mrs. Celia Pons, reviewed her experiences with her rental property in Downtown Torrance, and the problems which have been encountered -- the subject request of Mr. Cardenas is a reasonable one, in her opinion, and should be granted.

Mr. Edgar C. Johnson, 3201 West 180th Street, pointed out the numerous beer bar, pool room establishments within two or three blocks in the subject area, and questioned if this area was going to end up all bars, beer taverns and liquor stores.

The next speaker was Mr. Joseph Capuccio, 1615-1613 Cabrillo, who stated that with 4 or 5 bars all around within 100 feet, why do we need another one?

Lieutenant Armstrong, Torrance Police Department, advised that it is the recommendation of the department that Mr. Cardenas' application be deried, the reason being that the Downtown Torrance area has reached a saturation point of bars -- within a 1/2 mile area there are 14 on-sale establishments, and it is fast becoming a police problem.

The proponent, Mr. Jose Cardenas, 1809 Arlington Avenue, stated that his present operation has been free of police problems; it is his desire to open a second place on this street, and he further advised that he would be able to properly supervise both establishments.

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 Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion was directed to the apparent beer bar problems in Downtown Torrance, the history of these bars, alcohol-related crime statistics, etc.

The integrity and sincere intent of Mr. Cardenas was acknowledged by Councilman Armstrong; however, the above noted problems necessitated the following:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to DENY THE APPEAL on CUP 76-110, Jose F. Cardenas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

It was the request of Councilman Wilson that Staff make a study re: bars in the Downtown Torrance area in an effort to determine what action might be taken to rectify the evident problems.

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:20. APPLICATION FOR BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THIRD YEAR
APPROPRIATED UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOP-
MENT ACT OF 1974.RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That the City Council adopt a Tentative Budget and direct the Staff to return the final budget to the City Council for formal approval on March 8, 1977.

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 Planning Associate Busse, invited comments from the audience.

Mrs. Mary Perry, 1414 Cravens, petitioned for subsidized rental housing in Downtown Torrance because of the positive effect on this area. Planning Associate Busse advised that there is no continuing program in this regard; Staff is awaiting word from HUD re: available money for this purpose.

YWCA representative, Ms. Mary Castana, reiterated their request for building expansion, building furnishings and miscellaneous equipment. Following extended discussion, it was the direction of the Council that Staff recheck the eligibility of this organization and its request with HUD prior to final adoption of the final budget; further, that in the forthcoming week YWCA representatives designate the items on the equipment list which are directly related to the "Latchkey Program".

Dr. Walter Buettgenbach, Torrance Unified School District, extended their thanks for the current grant received by them, and noted their desire that the subject grant be extended for this children's center. Planning Associate Busse noted that this item had been recommended for approval.

Further pointed out by Dr. Buettgenbach was the need for a training center for Columbia School students; it was his request that this need be given future consideration. Material on this subject is currently being prepared and will be provided the Council, per Mrs. Virginia Levanas, Human Resources Commission.

Mrs. Betty Schapira, 4610 Avenue C, expressed appreciation for the facilities provided by the City of Torrance for the handicapped: parking spaces, ramps, automatic doors, curb cuts, etc. It is now requested that the restrooms in certain recreation buildings be made accessible for the handicapped; modification of handicapped owners and renters homes and apartments for accessibility, health and safety; recreational facilities for the handicapped at Wilson Park; transportation with a lift for wheel chairs, etc.

Opposition to the 1977-78 Housing and Community Development Grant application was expressed by Mrs. Rachel Meyer, 21233 Kent Avenue, (statement of official record) -- it was the added comment of Mrs. Meyer that she is not opposed to helping the handicapped; it is her preference that it be done locally.

On behalf of the Human Resources Commission, Mrs. Virginia Levanas expressed appreciation for the role afforded this Commission in reviewing, hearing and recommending in this matter.

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

Council discussion encompassed the need for more detailed information pertaining to Downtown Torrance improvements; contingency funds; cost of converting curbs for handicapped use, as well as like conversion for restrooms in Civic Center complex buildings; the concept of expanding the rehab loan program out of the target areas to include handicapped in non-target areas; capital improvement priorities, etc. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation to adopt the subject Tentative Budget, with the above expressed qualifications and requests made by the Council for additional input to be provided by Staff -- the matter to be returned to the Council on March 1st (rather than March 8th). The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Council recessed and reconvened as Redevelopment Agency, the hour being 9:30 P.M. The Council returned for formal adjournment at 9:51 P.M.

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Council adjournment at 9:51 P.M. was in memory of Mrs. Grace Wright.

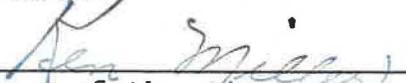
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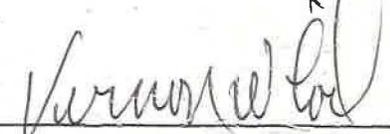
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APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance



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