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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, March 8, 1977, at 7:00 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 7:08 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Budget Officer Ng led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Bill Norton, South Bay Baptist Church, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 1977 and February 1, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster 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 Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Ad Hoc Oil Committee:

Will next meet on March 3rd at 5:00 P.M.

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PRESENTATIONS:8. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AND PLAQUES TO FORMER COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Miller conveyed, on behalf of the Council, appreciation to the following former Commissioners for their service to the City:

Certificates of Appreciation: Roy Carpenter, Maryanne Brown and Daniel Walker.

Tile Plaques: Armand Berges, Karl Deibel, Rudolph Limon and Lowell O'Brien.

9. RESOLUTION expressing congratulations and thanks to employees of the Torrance Unified School District who have served for ten years.RESOLUTION NO. 77-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING ITS CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO _____ FOR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-39. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

COMMISSION MATTERS:10. VACANCIES ON CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

That the City Council fill the two existing vacancies on the Civic Center Authority.

Mayor Miller announced that two applications had been received -- Gerald Walker and Thomas Wilson -- and MOVED to appoint Messrs. Walker and Wilson to the Civic Center Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:11. RESOLUTION re: Little League Leases.RESOLUTION NO. 77-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS RENEWING THOSE CERTAIN LEASES DATED JANUARY 30, 1970 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE NATIONAL

LITTLE LEAGUE, PACIFIC COAST LITTLE LEAGUE,
TORRANCE AMERICAN BOYS' BASEBALL, TORRANCE
CENTRAL LITTLE LEAGUE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-40. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

12. RESOLUTION re: Del Amo Blvd. Right-of-Way from Madrona Avenue to AT&SF Railway Company Right-of-Way.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MOBIL OIL CORPORATION FOR THE EXTENSION OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD EASTERLY OF MADRONA AVENUE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-41. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mayor Miller noted the presence of Mr. Art Hiser, Mobil Oil Corporation, in the audience, and expressed the deep appreciation of the City for this tremendous piece of property so graciously dedicated by Mobil Oil. The Mayor also reviewed the long standing community contributions provided by Mobil Oil, a "good citizen" of the City of Torrance.

13. WITHDRAWN.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: Water and Energy Conservation.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN ITS ENDEAVOR TOWARD EFFECTIVE WATER AND ENERGY CONSERVATION IN VIEW OF THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-42. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Ben Haggott, Director, The Metropolitan Water District, was present to review conservation needs and to express appreciation for the above Council action.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT re: SCAG Regional Unified Work Program for Transportation Planning, 1976-77.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS TO RECOVER A PORTION OF THE COSTS INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE'S SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-43. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. RESOLUTION accepting an offer of the United States Government for a Capital Assistance Grant Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING AN OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR A CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT CONTRACT TO UNDERTAKE AN URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (CA-05-0021) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE GRANT CONTRACT; AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN UMTA, SCAG (AS DESIGNATED RECIPIENT) AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-44. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

17. CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT COUNSELOR POSITION WITH MANPOWER DIVISION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Approve Staff's request to create an Employment Counselor I position to coordinate the Title VI Emergency Jobs Program, and
2. Amend the City's FY 1977 budget accordingly.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. HEARING ON APPEAL of Officer James Ferguson.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the subject hearing be held on either the first or second 7 P.M. Council meeting in April, at 6:00 P.M., subject to being worked out by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2727.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PART III OF
CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE TO EFFECT REVISIONS IN
HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2727 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg; Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Wilson (neither
present at first reading).

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

21. V 77-1, MAKOTO AND BERTHA YOSHIDA. Request for approval of a variance of the off-street parking requirements to allow the construction of a two-story commercial shopping center in the C-2 zone on property located on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard between 242nd and 244 Streets (24239 Hawthorne Boulevard). RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Ray Hirata, 3761 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, representing the proponent, described the proposed shopping center, and reviewed parking needs and controls, in support of the requested reduced parking spaces.

There was a further presentation by the proponent, Mrs. Bertha Yoshida, who generally reiterated the contents of her communication, of record, to the Council in this matter.

Mr. Don Goldberg, a Neece Avenue resident, expressed concerns regarding the narrow alley behind the subject property and use of same by delivery trucks; Hawthorne Boulevard traffic, etc.

There was lengthy discussion by the Council regarding the proposed development -- while overall approval of the project itself was indicated, it was the consensus of the Council that redesign was imperative; the reduction in parking spaces was too drastic. It was ultimately agreed that the proponent should work with Staff in this matter; and that the item be continued for two weeks -- Mrs. Yoshida indicated concurrence with this procedure.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue the hearing on V77-1 for two weeks in order that the proponent and Staff might get together in working out the problems surrounding the subject project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

22. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY by Sears, Roebuck and Company.

RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL by Environmental Division of Building and Safety Department.

Staff presentation was provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon, with specific note of the desired reader board for this shopping center, and the recommendation that Sears consider some type of a permanent sign which would accommodate advertising as now proposed.

Representing Sears, Mr. Emery Minger stated that he would propose the reader board arrangement to store officials, and would work with City Staff in this regard.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Miller that the temporary sign be approved for the time being, subject to the outcome of the reader board negotiations; Staff to report back on April 1st -- this met with the approval of the majority of the Council.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to grant the requested 30-day time extension (to April 1, 1977). The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilwoman Geissert: That the Council take no action on this matter until there is a report back from the Building and Safety Director on reactions to a permanent type of reader sign. The motion died for lack of a second.

The MAIN MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Brown, Rossberg, Wilson; Mayor Miller.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (it would be more appropriate to take no action at this time.)

ROUTINE MATTERS:

23. PAYMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN/BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR: That \$8,700 be paid to H. Wendell Mounce A.I.A. and Associates in accordance with the terms of the contract for completion of Phase I for the remodeling of the Civic Center Library.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT for Fire Hose.

Reference Bid #B77-7
Expenditure: \$16,141.68 including tax.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the award of contract for the required fire hose to the low responsible bidder, The American Rubber Manufacturing Company, in the total amount of \$16,141.68 including tax.

25. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 32042.

Subdivider: J.F. Wilson
Engineer: Michael D. Klipa
Location: East side of Palos Verdes Boulevard,
400 ft. + no. of Calle Miramar
No. of Lots: 1 (Condominium)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Tract Map No. 32042 be approved.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #23, 24, and #25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:55 P.M., the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:57 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. City Manager Ferraro announced the appointment of Mr. Richard Milkovich as the new Park and Recreation Director -- Mr. Milkovich is currently serving in South San Francisco, and will join the City Staff in early April.

Mr. Ferraro likewise commended Gene Barnett for his fine

contribution as Acting Park and Recreation Director -- Councilmembers joined in praise of Gene and the Park and Recreation Department Staff for their excellent performance during this interim period.

27. A "dark night" on March 29th was recommended by City Manager Ferraro. The Council concurred - Mayor Miller so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. City Manager Ferraro advised that the east leg of Hawthorne and 190th will be closed, for engineering work, on one Sunday, rather than on a busy week day.

29. Councilman Armstrong requested that the matter of the Coastal Act (per memo of record from the Planning Department) be placed on an early Council agenda.

30. Councilman Armstrong appealed Planning Commission case CUP 77-9.

31. Councilman Armstrong commended those Staff members responsible for the response to the question of the League's report on ambulance service.

32. Councilman Brewster expressed appreciation to Traffic and Lighting Supervisor Ray Schmidt for his prompt updating of Public Works signs.

33. Councilwoman Geissert reported on the forthcoming trip of the South High Band to Canada, and requested that appropriate recognition go forward to the cities on their itinerary, and that there be a resolution of commendation to the Band. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

34. Councilman Rossberg noted the imminent departure of Assistant Planning Director Hagaman who has been appointed Planning Director at Carlsbad, and conveyed best wishes in this new venture, a wish concurred in by the Council.

35. Appropriate recognition for the community efforts of Dow Chemical Company and Mobil Oil was requested by Councilman Wilson.

36. Councilman Wilson provided an informative report on the recent National League Conference in Washington, D.C.

37. Mayor Miller and City Manager Ferraro gave an updated report on the status of the Carson-Madrona/Pacific Mutual litigation and settlement thereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item #19):

At 9:20 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: personnel matters.

The Council returned at 9:43 P.M. for formal adjournment -- no action was taken.

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APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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