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Adjourned at 7:35 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, March 15, 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. Absent: Councilman Brewster.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Librarian West led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Bill Norton, South Bay Baptist Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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 absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works:

Will meet on March 16th at 5:00 P.M. re: fire flow in Downtown Torrance

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Ad Hoc Airport Noise Committee:

Meeting scheduled for March 16th at 3:30 P.M.

Finance Committee:

Will meet on March 23rd at 5:30 P.M. re: Revenue Sharing Budget.

Taken at this time, out of order:

ADDENDUM ITEM:

PROCLAMATION:

23. TORRANCE NIGHT AT DISNEYLAND - May 1, 1977.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

8. RESOLUTION re: conservation of water during the current drought.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
URGING THE CONSERVATION OF WATER DURING
THE CURRENT DROUGHT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-45. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

PUBLIC WORKS:

9. MINOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT THREE LOCATIONS (Torrance Blvd., Crenshaw Blvd. and 237th Place)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$10,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the construction on Torrance Boulevard and on Crenshaw Boulevard.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

10. RESOLUTION re: Magnavox Underground Conduits.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT

CERTAIN LICENSE AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 1, 1977, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MAGNAVOX GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS COMPANY, PERMITTING THE LATTER TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN UNDERGROUND CONDUITS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND TELEPHONIC DATA UNDER AND ACROSS A CITY STREET: NAMELY, HAWAII AVENUE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-46. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-47

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 SYD-REN INDUSTRIES, INC., PIONEER INDUSTRIES, INC., AND CARSON OPTICAL COMPANY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-47. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-48

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 MARCH 31, 1977 THE TERMS OF THIS CERTAIN ON-THE-JOB TRAINING CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY AND WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PHILLIPS UPHOLSTERY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-48. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

13. ORDINANCE re: Communications Planner.

ORDINANCE NO. 2729

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.43.1

OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD
THE CLASS TITLE AND SALARY OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS PLANNER

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2729 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

14. WITHDRAWN.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

16. RESOLUTION authorizing destruction of obsolete records.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-
ING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN
UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITH-
OUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-49; his motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

17. RESOLUTION authorizing destruction of obsolete records.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECT-
ING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN
UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS
WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-50. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

18. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2715, and approving and adopting an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Torrance Fashion Way Redevelopment Project.

ORDINANCE NO. 2730

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.
2715 OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND APPROVING
AND ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOP-
MENT PLAN FOR THE TORRANCE FASHION WAY
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2730 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. HOUSING ELEMENT GUIDELINES proposed by the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

1. That the State Housing Element Guidelines be opposed in toto as currently written.
2. That Staff be directed to forward a letter to the Department of Housing and Community Development outlining the City's concerns and criticisms of the proposed Housing Element Guidelines.
3. That the State's Attorney General be petitioned, through the appropriate channels, to formulate an opinion on the legal authority of the State Department of Housing and Community Development to:
 - a. Promulgate regulations rather than guidelines for the preparation of Housing Elements to the local General Plan;
 - b. Implement a Regional Housing Allocation Plan without further action by the State Legislature;
 - c. Require that Housing Elements be prepared and maintained under the proposed guidelines without State reimbursement of costs to local governments.
 - d. Require charter cities to comply with the proposed Housing Element Guidelines.

Suggested by Councilman Brown, concurred in by the Council, was an additional recommendation that the City petition for a time extension to comply with guidelines

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above recommendations of the Planning Director, with the added recommendation offered by Councilman Brown. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

City Manager Ferraro was directed to communicate with Assemblywoman Ryan re: A.B. 389 which relates to the subject Guidelines.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

20. PROPOSED VACATION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT.

See Page 7.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

21. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION for Police Sergeant.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER/CIVIL SERVICE

COMMISSION: That the City Council adopt the revised class specification for Police Sergeant.

22. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS - Custodial Supplies.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve of awarding the following annual contracts based on bids submitted by these companies (Bid Summary Sheet, of record):

1. Contract award of \$10,144.25 be made to Peerless Wiping Materials Company for bid items #13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 35 and 36 including tax.
2. Contract award of \$3,239.63 be made to National Sanitary Supply for bid items #7, 14, 21, 28, 29, 32, 38, 40 and 51 including tax.
3. Contract award of \$702.94 be made to Easterday Supply Company for bid items #1, 26, 47, 49, 50 and 52 including tax.
4. Contract award of \$732.38 be made to Best Maintenance for bid items #5, 24, 27, 30, 39, and 44 including tax.
5. Contract award of \$13,921.70 be made to Economy Supply Company for bid items #2, 4, 6, 9-12, 17, 22, 23, 31, 33, 37, 42, 43, 45, 46 and 48 including tax.
6. Contract award of \$597.57 be made to Frick & Peters Paper Company for items #3, 8, 19, 34 and 41 including tax.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #21 and #22. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

ADDENDUM ITEM:

23. PROCLAMATION - Torrance Night at Disneyland.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

24. City Manager Ferraro introduced Mr. John Greenwood, newly appointed administrative assistant to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

25. Building Regulations Administrator Grippo reported on the report from Sears that a total signing program for the Del Amo area will be presented to the City within 90 days.

26. Councilman Armstrong noted his appeal of CUP 77-9 on March 8th, and the subsequent withdrawal of this item by the applicant -- no purpose would, therefore, be served to go forward with this appeal, and withdrawal was requested by Mr. Armstrong.

27. Councilwoman Geissert pointed out the keen community interest in a bingo ordinance, and requested that this matter appear as an agenda item in the not too distant future, with notification to interested parties.
28. Appreciation for the informative report pertaining to park development projects financed during this fiscal year was expressed by Councilwoman Geissert.
29. Councilman Wilson conveyed his gratitude to Mayor Miller for the Mayor's action in expediting the Higgins Brick Yard matter on March 1, 1977.
30. Consideration of use of the Nike Site by the Civil Air Patrol was requested by Councilman Wilson -- City Manager Ferraro will report back on this.
31. Appeal of Planning Commission action on March 2, 1977 re: D77-6 was requested by Councilman Wilson.

The Council now returned to:

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

20. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Vacation of Drainage Easement, Portion of Lot 158, Tract 18747 (Sonoma Sump).
Proponent and Beneficiary: Wilcraft Development, Inc.
Fee Paid.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council approve and adopt the subject Resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of the drainage easement in Lot 158, Tract No. 18747. Said resolution to be recorded concurrently with Final Tract No. 33001.

Affidavits of Publication and Posting were presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss, and they were ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

Council discussion was directed to street alignment, the flag lot situation, sump drainage capacity, possible development alternatives (i.e. a 4-lot cul-de-sac arrangement), elimination of driveways onto Maple, etc. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to hold Item #20 for one week in order to permit further Staff input; the developer to be invited in to confer with appropriate Staff members to discuss possible alternatives, etc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

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The Council recessed at 6:25 P.M. and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to the Council agenda at 6:26 P.M. for the purpose of:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Item #15).

On a motion by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, the Council recessed for an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages and working conditions (a proper subject matter, per Deputy City Attorney Freeman. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

The Council returned at 7:30 P.M.

The City Manager reported on the need for a position reallocation in the Office of the City Manager. Councilman Wilson MOVED, and Councilman Rossberg seconded a motion to authorize the reallocation of one Administrative Assistant and one Budget Analyst to one Senior Administrative Assistant and one Junior Administrative Assistant. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

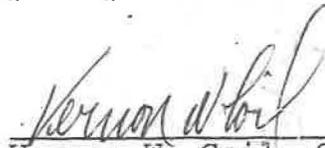
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance



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