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Adjourned at 11:40 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, April 12, 1977, at 7:00 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 and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Harry Matthews led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Reverend Boyd Kifer, Church of the Nazarene.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of March 8, 1977 and March 15, 1977. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, 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 COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Park, Recreation and Community Development:

Will meet with School Board on April 14th at 4:00 P.M.

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Councilman Rossberg announced that the South Bay Corridor Transportation Study meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th, at 7:30 P.M. in Torrance's Council Chambers.

PRESENTATIONS:

8. BOB JONES DONATION.

Mr. Bob Jones presented to Mayor Miller, for the City of Torrance, the wheelchair and wheeled-bicycle used by him in the recuperation from his drastic accident on a City park. There was grateful acceptance by the Mayor, who expressed the good wishes of all present.

9. OFFICIAL PICTURE OF 1977 CITY OF TORRANCE FLOAT IN THE ROSE PARADE.

Mr. Frank Hardcastle presented Mayor Miller with the official picture of the 1977 City of Torrance float in the Tournament of Roses Parade -- this picture was accepted with much appreciation by Mayor Miller.

10. ENERGY CONSERVATION AWARD - National Supply Company.

The outstanding efforts of National Supply Company re: energy conservation were acknowledged by Mayor Miller in his presentation of this Award to Mr. Robert Harris, General Manager of National Supply Company's Oil Field and Industrial Equipment Division.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

11. BINGO.

Heard later in the meeting - See Page 4.

PUBLIC WORKS:

12. RESOLUTION re: 190th Street Underpass of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Harbor Branch Line - City-County Cooperative Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST
SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO LOCAL AGENCY-STATE
AGREEMENT NO. 44

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-62. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 13. RESOLUTION re: 190th Street Underpass of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Harbor Branch Line - City-State Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-63

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 OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF 190TH STREET ADJACENT TO HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-63. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

- 14. LICENSE AGREEMENT - Dr. J. Ralph Black.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

That the License Agreement between the City of Torrance and Mr. Black be cancelled with a 30-day notice to vacate.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Land Management Team. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

- 15. REQUEST OF WILLIAM OGG to park aircraft on City property without charge.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

DENIAL of William Ogg's request to park his aircraft without charge in the access way in front of Hangar 2797 "N" Airport Drive which he rents from Airport Investment Company.

Staff presentation was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay who reaffirmed the recommendation for denial of the request, based on established Council policy.

Mr. William Ogg, 2706 Portobella, reiterated his desire to park his plane in the driveway of his hangar, free of any charges (per April 6, 1977 communication of record). Mr. Ogg further stated that other tenants on the Airport have such an exception, and he would like to be included in that category.

Director of Transportation Horkay advised that he was not aware of any such exceptions, and would investigate same, on receipt of such information. Mr. Horkay then displayed photographs of Mr. Ogg's aircraft and the parking arrangement, the illegal 4x6 post, etc.

Council discussion ensued. Adherence to Council policy was deemed imperative. Councilman Rossberg specifically noted his objections to the early morning use of aircraft by Mr. Ogg.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to DENY the subject request and to reaffirm the Council policy of no overnight tiedowns in front of T-hangars. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Mr. Ogg reiterated, at this point, his concerns regarding exceptions which have been made to this policy, and his feeling of "being discriminated against" -- if everybody complies, he will comply.

Mayor Miller directed that the Director of Transportation immediately implement the subject policy and follow through on same.

Roll call vote on Councilman Armstrong's motion was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. RESOLUTION re: contract with Laurence J. Thompson, Inc. - Street Lighting District #17.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 17

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-64. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The Council now returned to:

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

11. BINGO - Public discussion to consider whether the City should adopt an ordinance enabling Bingo operations.

Mayor Miller announced that the Council would not take action on this matter this date but will continue this item to April 19th in order that everyone may be heard -- a decision will then be rendered by the Council on April 19th.

Staff presentations were provided by City Attorney Remelmeyer and Police Lieutenant Armstrong, following which Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

First to speak were those IN FAVOR OF BINGO; speakers were: Mr. Pat McManus, 3510 West 228th Street; Mr. Leo Coleman, 714 Columbia Place, speaking for Torrance Senior Citizens; Mr. Lee Dante, 2551 Lesserman Street, spokesman for the Nativity School Parents Club; Mr. Mike Jasper, Commander, Torrance American Legion; Ms. Alice Phelps, president, Torrance Woman's Club; and Mr. Charles Reece, 1333 Engracia.

Speakers OPPOSED TO BINGO were: Reverend Boyd Kifer, president, Torrance Ministerial Association; Ms. Diane Hathaway, representing the Executive Board, Southwood Homeowners Association; Mr. Lail W. Henderson, 21834 Grant Avenue, representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Ms. Gloria Richardson, 3607 West 187th Street; Mr. Jack Cramer, 2668 - 232nd Street; Mr. Carroll Parker, 2076 West 230th Street; Mr. Eldon Morgan, 17419 Elgar Avenue, also representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Mrs. Barbara Honeycutt, 4213 Scott Street; and Mrs. Betty Jones, 5509 Beran Street.

On conclusion of the foregoing presentations, Mayor Miller directed that this hearing be continued to April 19, 1977, at 6:30 P.M.

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The hour being 8:40 P.M., a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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FISCAL MATTERS:

- 17. APPEAL OF DENIAL OF REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT AND CONSTRUCTION TAX FEES FOR STOR-N-LOK FACILITY, 17575 Western Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING REGULATIONS ADMINISTRATOR:

The developer, Balboa Construction Company, did pay fees and taxes in an amount deemed necessary at the time building permits were issued. The developer did not file a refund request in accordance with the time limitation stipulated in the Torrance Municipal Code.

We, therefore, recommend that the refund request for overpayment of permit fees and construction tax be DENIED.

Presentation was made by Building and Safety Director McKinnon. Mr. Michael Goland, Balboa Construction Company, was present to reaffirm his request for refund, and to detail the problems encountered by him re: this development.

Council discussion ensued, it being the ultimate consensus that the issues in this matter were sufficiently complicated to require Finance Committee review, and it was so directed by Mayor Miller.

The Finance Committee meeting on this matter was scheduled for Thursday, April 28th, at 6:00 P.M.

Considered by the Council at this time:

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

- 30. REVENUE SHARING BUDGET FOR 1977-78:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Based on the findings at the two proposed use hearing meetings, the Council Finance Committee hereby recommends that the City Council take the following action:

- a. Adopt the policy for use of revenue sharing funds as outlined on Exhibit A, of record.
- b. Adopt the 1977-78 Federal Revenue Sharing Budget totaling \$2,754,534 as recommended by the Council Finance Committee and as summarized on Exhibit D, of record.

- c. Adopt the subject Resolution authorizing the use of such revenue sharing funds.
- d. Authorize City administration to proceed with and implement a Joint Powers Authority Bond financing arrangement for the construction of the new Police facility.

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. It was confirmed by City Clerk Coil that there were no written communications or protests. Comments from the audience were then invited by the Mayor.

Mr. James Clark, secretary, Pacific South Bay Homeowners Association, urged adoption of funds for the Master Plan and greening of Sunnyglen Park site. The large audience present on this matter was introduced by Mr. Clark -- evidence of their deep concern for the development of this park. Approval of the priority sequence for Sunnyglen Park was indicated by the Council.

Representing Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, Mr. John Alter commented on the importance of clearing and greening the Sur La Brea Park area.

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.

Councilwoman Geissert reported on the findings of the Finance Committee and the above enumerated recommendations. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to adopt recommendation a. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to adopt recommendation b. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to (recommendation c):

RESOLUTION NO. 77-65

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ALLOCATING FEDERAL REVENUE
SHARING FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED BY SAID CITY
DURING THE 1977-78 FISCAL YEAR

Councilman Brown recommended revised language, as follows, in SECTION 2 of the Resolution: ".....may make such changes in amounts within the program allocation...." Concurred in by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-65, as above amended. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to adopt recommendation d. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mrs. Betty Rogers, Park and Recreation Commissioner, expressed their appreciation for the Council support of their recommendations.

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION TAX EXEMPTION RE: LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY AND TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mayor Miller announced that he would abstain in this matter, in that he is on the Board of Directors, Torrance Memorial Hospital. Mayor Pro Tem Armstrong thereupon assumed leadership of the meeting, and invited Staff and audience comments.

City Manager Ferraro requested that Item 1 be revised to state: "That the hospitals pay only 60% of the proposed construction tax."

Desired clarification was provided by City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Mr. Pat Brothers, Assistant Administrator, Torrance Memorial Hospital, stated that their primary concern is the passing on of these costs to the patient in view of the rapidly rising cost of health care. Mr. Brothers also elaborated on hospital policies regarding charitable services; subsidies and reimbursements; etc.

Following further Council discussion, it was the consensus that there was a need for additional Staff input in this matter, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to refer Item #18 to the Finance Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Mayor Miller abstained).

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19. CLAIM OF JOE ATKINS - Proposed settlement for personal and property damages.

RECOMMENDATION OF TORRANCE LIABILITY INSURANCE CLAIMS

BOARD CHAIRMAN: That the City Council approve the settlement offer of \$6,500.00 made by the attorney for the plaintiff, Mr. Joe Atkins, and authorize payment of that sum in full settlement of the claim.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Liability Insurance Claims Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-66

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 CENTURY SHOWER DOOR COMPANY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-66; her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. ORDINANCE re: Recreation Coordinator.

ORDINANCE NO. 2733

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 17.133.1 AND 17.133.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGING THE CLASS TITLE OF PRINCIPAL RECREATION LEADER TO RECREATION COORDINATOR

Councilman Wilson moved to approve Ordinance No. 2733 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:22. AVIGATION EASEMENTS.RECOMMENDATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

1. That the City Council exempt minor improvements to single-family residences, as defined herein, from the requirement of granting avigation easements.
2. That the City Council adopt the language limiting scope of avigation easements with respect to increases in noise levels, as set out herein, and direct that said language be incorporated in the avigation easement forms used by the City.
3. That the City Council ask for input from the Airport and Planning Commission as to two issues:
 - A. Whether avigation easements should be acquired at all.
 - B. If avigation easements are to be required, should the policy be applied differently in different areas or zones (e.g. redevelopment, manufacturing, commercial, single-family residential) and, if so, how should those zones be delineated?
 Such input should be made, to the greatest extent possible, as part of the Airport Master Plan process.

It was the request of Councilman Brown that Item #2, as above stated, be held for one week to permit further redrafting by the Committee before it is finalized.

Councilman Brewster recommended the following revised wording for Item #2 at this time: "That the City Council adopt the concept of language limiting the scope of avigation easements with respect to increases in noise levels, and direct that said language be developed for incorporation in the avigation easement forms used by the City." The precise language could then be returned to the Council in one week, per Mr. Brewster.

Councilman Brown indicated concurrence with this recommendation, and MOVED to adopt the above report of the Transportation Committee, Item #2 as above revised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. ORDINANCE repealing Temporary Use Permits.ORDINANCE NO. 2734

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 5 OF
CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TEMPORARY USE
PERMITS

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2734 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 24. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES - South Bay Youth Service Center.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council approve the waiver of the \$100 Conditional Use Permit filing fee monies.

- 25. RESOLUTION modifying V 76-2, John and Sheila Eichar.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A MODIFICATION OF A VARIANCE FROM THE OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS AS APPLIED FOR BY JOHN AND SHEILA EICHAR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 76-2

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-67. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

- 26. V 77-2, Charlene Pickarts and Antoinette Thompson: Request for approval of a variance of the lot width requirements for a hillside lot in the R-1 zone on property located between Bluff Street and Paseo de las Tortugas, approximately 450 feet west of Via Valmonte. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 public hearing in this matter, and, following presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Sam Burrescia, 2743 West 235th Street, reviewed his development plans in the subject area, as well as negotiations with the proponents in this case to the end that proper development could occur. It was then stated by Mr. Burrescia that "if the City Council can allow a variance on two lots at 50' wide, contrary to the hillside ordinance, then I would respectfully request that my subdivision then be granted also 50'-wide lots, thus giving me 11 lots, instead of the 9." Mr. Burrescia indicated his desire to continue negotiations with the proponents in the subject case "in great honor and great respect".

The proponents were not present.

Council discussion ensued, it being agreed that any action should be held in abeyance until there is some resolution of the above referred to negotiations and questions relative to lot sizes of the two developments. Their action is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue the hearing on V 77-2 until such date as returned to the Council agenda by the Planning Director, accompanied by appropriate readvertising. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. D 77-6, Charlene Pickarts and Antoinette Thompson: Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a request to divide to two parcels property located between Bluff Street and Paseo de las Tortugas, approximately 450 feet west of Via Valmonte. APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH CONDITIONS.

In view of the relationship of this item to Item #26, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue the hearing on D 77-6 until such date as returned to the Council agenda by the Planning Director, accompanied by appropriate readvertising. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. PP 77-6, Gene and Dorothy Duley: Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a request for a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a room addition to a single family residence in the R-1 zone on property located at 945 Calle Miramar. APPROVED 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; Staff presentation was provided by Planning Director Shartle.

City Clerk Coil noted communications from Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Catalano, 953 Calle Miramar and Mr. and Mrs. Rene Chalet (?), 957 Calle Miramar, indicating approval of the proposed room addition.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Benton Smith, 949 Calle Miramar, voiced his objections to the proposed room addition because of the drastic impact on the view from his home. Mr. Smith also provided communications from neighbors -- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cleveland, 941 Calle Miramar, and Mrs. Marie McDonald, 937 Calle Miramar -- likewise objecting to the proposed room addition.

The proponent, Mrs. Dorothy Duley, 945 Calle Miramar, reviewed their personal needs for their physically impaired parents, and the imperative requirement for the proposed quarters for them.

Mrs. Benton Smith, 949 Calle Miramar, reiterated the earlier expressed opposition of her husband.

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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion ensued -- remedial possibilities (such as ramping) were reviewed, as were possible compromises in this difficult situation. It was ultimately agreed that this matter should be held to the end that Staff could further work with the interested parties, and, hopefully, a satisfactory solution for all concerned could be achieved. Action taken is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer Item #28 to Planning Staff for review and reconsideration with proponents, architects and neighbors in search of a better approach than now before the Council -- to be returned on April 26, 1977, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:29. REPROGRAMING FIRST YEAR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER/
DIRECTOR OF PARK AND RECREATION:

1. That \$104,000 of the first year appropriation from Housing and Community Development Act funds for the Charles Wilson Park Master Plan (\$69,000) and the Magruder Pedestrian Overcrossing (\$35,000) be cancelled.
2. That \$69,000 of the appropriation for upgrading lighting at Torrance Park from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund be cancelled, and, instead, the \$69,000 be appropriated for the Charles Wilson Park Master Plan.
3. That \$35,000 be appropriated from the "Aid to Cities" funds for street maintenance in 1976-77, and that the subject resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to allocate this amount from County "Aid to Cities" funds be adopted.
4. That the amount of \$35,000 made available in the General Fund by No. 3 above be appropriated for the Magruder Pedestrian Overcrossing project.
5. That \$104,000 be reprogramed and appropriated from First Year Housing and Community Development Act funds for:
 - a) Torrance Park lighting upgrading \$69,000.
 - b) El Nido storm drain project. \$35,000.

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with Staff recommendations #1 through #5, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 77-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION
AND PAYMENT OF COUNTY AID TO CITIES FUNDS
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SELECT SYSTEM
STREETS

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Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-68. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

31. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN 236TH STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (B76-56) - Street Lighting Assessment District 76-1.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the work be accepted as performed by Smith Electric under City contract per Bid No. B76-56, and that final payment in the amount of \$7,854 be made to the contractor, Smith Electric.

32. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATIONS for Recreation Supervisor.

RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL MANAGER:

That the City Council adopt the revised class specification for Recreation Supervisor.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #31 and #32. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 11:00 P.M. the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 11:03 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. City Manager Ferraro generally reviewed S.B. 413 and its impact on the City of Torrance, and requested permission to send a representative to the hearing on this legislation. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

34. An Executive Session to discuss pending litigation was requested by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

35. Councilman Armstrong announced that a meeting of the Legislative Liaison Committee will be scheduled sometime after April 15th to consider pending legislation of interest to the City.

36. Councilman Brown requested a Staff report regarding helicopter traffic at the Airport in advance of the hearing on the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Airport Noise.

37. Councilwoman Geissert advised that American Field Service students will be visiting the April 26th Council meeting, and requested that an appropriate memento be presented them on that date. There were no objections, and it was so ordered. It was the added comment of Mrs. Geissert that this ceremony should be established on an annual basis.

38. Follow-through on the Soccer Hall of Fame site, per recent communication to the Council, was requested by Councilman Wilson.

39. Councilman Wilson acknowledged the impressive letter sent to President Carter by Mr. Henry Nowicki relative to energy resources and needs -- Dr. Wilson referred same to Staff for review and recommendation.

City Manager Ferraro noted that Mr. Nowicki's communication had also been directed to Planning Commissioner Stenhouse; further, Messrs. Stenhouse and McKinnon will be going to Sacramento to contact the new Energy Commission in California re: a State Grant for energy requirements.

A formal expression of appreciation from the Council to Mr. Nowicki for the valuable information provided in the subject communication was requested by Councilman Wilson.

40. Mr. Joseph Good indicated his interest in Cable TV in the City of Torrance, and urged that it be provided. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that he is preparing a report on this matter.

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At 11:18 P.M. the Council recessed for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

The Council returned at 11:38 P.M.

City Attorney Remelmeyer informed the Council of the renewal of the lawsuit in the case of OGO Associates vs. the City of Torrance. It was the recommendation of the City Attorney that Council approve the continued employment of Ralph Nutter, attorney at law, as Special Counsel representing the City in this matter.

Mayor Miller MOVED to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Consideration was directed to the report to the Agency/Council by City Attorney Remelmeyer re: the "blight suit" on the Fashion Way Redevelopment Project brought by William G. Wells against the Agency. Mr. Remelmeyer requested the continued

employment of Eugene Jacobs, attorney at law, to act as Special Counsel for the Agency in this lawsuit.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer; the motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried -- negative votes being cast by Messrs. Brewster and Brown.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance