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Adjourned at 7:32 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, May 17, 1977, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Brewster, Brown, Rossberg, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Wilson arrived at 5:45 P.M. Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong and Geissert (attending League of California Cities conference in Sacramento).

Also present: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Manager Ferraro (at League conference in Sacramento); City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Engineer Weaver led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Al Mace, First Baptist Church of Torrance, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brewster moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Brewster moved that after the City Clerk has assigned 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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting; Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No reports.

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PRESENTATIONS:

8. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO CHARLES LEROY UPDIKE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS TORRANCE POSTMASTER FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 1973 TO MAY 20, 1977.

There was grateful acceptance by Postmaster Updike of the plaque presented by Mayor Miller.

9. PLAQUE TO WILLIAM F. CZULEGER, MAYOR OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, FROM 1961-1977.

Mayor Miller announced that formal presentation of the plaque to Mayor Czuleger will occur on May 20th at a dinner in his honor.

PROCLAMATION:

10. MEDICAL ASSISTANTS WEEK - May 15-21, 1977.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

11. COMMISSION VACANCIES.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

1. That Mr. Patrick Lewandowski and Mr. Waldo Ford each receive a large tile plaque for their service to the City.
2. That the City Council fix a time and date for interviewing applicants to fill the vacancies. To allow time to place a public notice in the Daily Breeze to advertise these vacancies, we would suggest that the date be set for June 14, 1977.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to approve the awarding of plaques to Messrs. Lewandowski and Ford, and for the June 14th interview date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

12. RESOLUTION recognizing Pete Zamperini for his outstanding community service.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE RECOGNIZING PETE ZAMPERINI  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-92. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

PUBLIC WORKS:

13. IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM PRAIRIE AVENUE TO MAPLE AVENUE. (B77-19)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the contract be awarded to Fleming Construction and all other bids be rejected;
2. That \$60,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for street related construction; and
3. That \$2,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for sewer construction.

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

14. RESOLUTION re: Proposed vacation of portions of Bluff Street and Newton Street (formerly California Avenue) southwesterly of Neece Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 77-76 AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE PORTIONS OF BLUFF STREET AND NEWTON STREET (FORMERLY CALIFORNIA AVENUE) SOUTHWESTERLY OF NEECE STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-93. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

15. COMPLETION OF REMODELING OF FIRE STATION NO. 5.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF:

That Council accept the contract work as being complete and approve final payment and change orders so that a Notice of Completion may be filed with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

16. RESOLUTION re: Authorization to file a claim with SCAG for local transportation funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-94. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

FISCAL MATTERS:

17. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S OFFICIAL AUDIT OPINION FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to accept the Finance Director's Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Official Audit Opinion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1976. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

18. RESOLUTION re: Conflict of Interest Code for members of the City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 76-186 AND ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AS AMENDED AND APPROVED BY THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-95. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote . (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

19. ORDINANCE NO. 2735.

ORDINANCE NO. 2735

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 5

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OF DIVISION 8 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND  
ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 5 OF DIVISION  
8 WHICH ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE  
UNIFORM FIRE CODE 1976 EDITION, AS  
AMENDED

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2735 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2740.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING CERTAIN  
SECTIONS OF PART XIII TO CHAPTER 7,  
DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
CODE DEALING WITH HOURS, WAGES AND  
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES  
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFES-  
SIONAL PARK AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES  
ORGANIZATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2740 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2741.

ORDINANCE NO. 2741

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION  
33.11.7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE  
TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE  
FOR FIREWORKS STANDS ON THE BASIS OF  
ONE LICENSE FOR EACH 4,500 PERSONS  
RESIDENT IN THE CITY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2741 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2742.

ORDINANCE NO. 2742

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION  
74.8.16 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATING TO REMOVAL OF PUBLICATION  
VENDING MACHINES

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Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2742 at its second and final reading; his motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

23. RESOLUTION re: Final Application for a 701 Comprehensive Planning Assistance Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN  
APPLICATION FOR A 701 COMPREHENSIVE  
PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT (\$40,000)  
FOR A PLANNING PROJECT TO CONSOLIDATE  
ALL PLANNING APPLICATION PROCEDURES  
INTO ONE SYSTEM

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-96. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

24. ZC 77-6 (EA 76-69), TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.

See Page 8.

25. GPA 77-4, PAUL Y. KOSHI.

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APPEALS - PLANNING:

26. CUP 77-19, JUANITA RUTHERFORD.

See Page 10.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

27. ANNUAL CONTRACTS FOR INSECTICIDES, WEED KILLER, TOP DRESSINGS, FERTILIZERS. (Ref. Bid #B77-14)

Annual Expenditures - \$58,585.60

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve of awarding the following annual contracts for the items identified herein (of record):

1. To Los Angeles Chemical Company in the amount of \$6,142.27 including sales tax for bid items 5,24,26,48, 49 and 50.
2. To Kellogg Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$2,127.20 including sales tax for bid items 10,11,12,13,17 and 37.
3. To Robinson Fertilizer Company in the amount of \$3,816.00 including sales tax for bid items 14 and 22.

4. To Bandini Fertilizer Company in the amount of \$1,590.00 including sales tax for bid item 20.
5. To Norwalk Fertilizer Company in the amount of \$19,477.50 including sales tax for bid item 25.
6. To Target Chemical Company in the amount of \$25,432.63 including sales tax for items 2,3,4,6,7,9,15,16,18,19,21,27,28,29,30,31,32,34,35,36,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47 and 51.

28. SLOPE LANDSCAPE AND SPRINKLER SYSTEM ON PRAIRIE AVENUE FROM 190TH STREET TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD (B76-31).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor.

29. AWARD OF CONTRACT for rental uniforms.

A. City Employee

B. Comprehensive Employment and Training Act-  
Manpower Employees

(Ref. Bid #B77-23)

Annual Expenditure: A. \$33,228.00 - Regular Employees

B. \$21,840.00 - Manpower Employees

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/MANPOWER PROGRAM

ADMINISTRATOR: That Council approve of the award of an 18-month contract (garment life period of cotton/dacron uniforms) to the low bidder, Red Star Industrial Service, based on both their low bid submitted and acceptability of their facility operation as a result of our City team facility survey. The contract amount requested for approval is: \$33,228.00 for regular City employees, and \$21,840.00 to provide uniforms to miscellaneous Manpower employees for an 18-month period.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #27, 28 and #29. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. Councilman Rossberg reported the gracious gesture of Councilwoman Geissert in making arrangements for an elderly Torrance resident to view the Armed Forces Day Parade.
31. Councilman Wilson noted the forthcoming concert by the Beach Cities Symphony orchestra in Washington, D.C. and the honor for Torrance represented thereby -- appropriate recognition was requested by Dr. Wilson, as was consideration by the Fine Arts Commission re: financial assistance from the City in defraying transportation cost for trip to Washington.
32. Councilman Brown noted The Metropolitan Water District's model ordinance for water conservation, and recommended review by the Water Commission. Water System Manager Borgwat advised that such review will be accomplished at the May 19th meeting of the Commission.
33. An Executive Session to discuss pending litigation was requested by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

The Council now returned to the scheduled public hearings, the hour of 6:00 P.M. having arrived.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

24. ZC 77-6 (EA 76-69), TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
Rezoning from A-1 to P-U and C-R on property located on the south side of Artesia Boulevard between Casimir and Van Ness Avenues. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING STAFF.

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. There was no response.

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

In the interest of expediting this matter, Mayor Miller indicated that he would cast an affirmative vote -- he voted "no" on the matter originally, and is still of that opinion -- however, absentee Councilmembers Armstrong and Geissert would vote "yes", and a negative vote by him at this time would create an unnecessary delay, per the Mayor.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department for approval of ZC 77-6. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Brown, Wilson;  
Mayor Miller (under protest;  
merely expediting the matter).  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert.

25. GPA 77-4, PAUL Y. KOSHI. Request for amendment of the Land Use Element of the General Plan to allow the construction of two three-unit apartment buildings in the R-P zone on property located at the southwest corner of 180th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING STAFF THAT THE MATTER BE HELD.

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 advertised public hearing on GPA 77-4, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

Architect Elvin Aotagi, representing the proponent, generally reiterated the comments offered at the Planning Commission hearing, with specific note of the unjust delay which would result were the matter held; the considerable uncertainties in areas of zoning, General Plan requirements for this location vs. other locations in the City; precedents which have been set; the appropriateness of R-P zoning for the subject property based on site size, traffic needs, parking, accessibility, etc. Council approval of GPA 77-4 was requested by Mr. Aotagi.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Brown moved that the hearing be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

Council discussion ensued. Discussed were concerns pertaining to General Plan dictates vs. existing zoning and the varied development of the area; development problems for the subject property; the compliance evidenced by the proponent in this application; etc. Mayor Miller pointed out the varied development along Crenshaw Boulevard -- apartments, commercial, office buildings, etc. -- with note of the fact that the City has had several years to decide on specific development for this area; this decision has not been made -- it would be unfair to now decide, on the basis of this single application, that the property should be developed for office commercial use, as expressed in the General Plan. Were this one piece of property to change the entire direction of Crenshaw Boulevard, it would be one thing, per Mayor Miller, but such is not the case.

Concurrence with the Mayor's comments was generally indicated by the Council. Formal action is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of GPA 77-4. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert).

Discussion was directed to the need to remedy General Plan inconsistencies -- a need acknowledged by Planning Director Shartle who noted that recommendations are being prepared for Council consideration.

APPEALS - PLANNING:

26. CUP 77-19, JUANITA RUTHERFORD. Appeal of request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to reestablish the on-premise sale and consumption of beer and wine with hot sandwiches and live entertainment and dancing in an existing building in the C-2 zone on property located at 1327 Cabrillo Avenue. DENIED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Attorney John Shevilier, Jr., attorney for the property owners, requested that the subject hearing be deferred until the full Council is present.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to continue Item #26 for two weeks -- to the Council meeting of May 31, 1977, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent).

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At 6:50 P.M. the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:51 P.M.

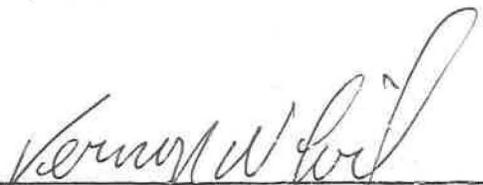
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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert absent). City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that this was a proper subject matter for an Executive Session. The hour was 6:51 P.M.

The Council returned at 7:32 P.M. for formal adjournment; no action was taken.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
 Minute Secretary

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