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Adjourned to Thursday, June 23, 1977, 4:30 P.M.  
at 8:30 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, June 21, 1977, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Brown, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at the meeting at 5:45 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:

Mr. Waldo Ford led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Boyd Kifer, Church of the Nazarene, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of May 31, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Brown 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 (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Ad Hoc Committee - Downtown Torrance:  
Will meet on June 22nd at 5:30 P.M.

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Ad Hoc Oil Committee:

Next meeting scheduled for June 23rd at 6:00 P.M.

Civil Service Committee:

Will meet on June 28th at 5:00 P.M.

COMMISSION MATTERS:8. PRESENTATION OF TILE PLAQUE to Waldo E. Ford.

Mayor Miller conveyed the City's appreciation to Mr. Waldo Ford, former Water Commissioner, with the presentation of a tile plaque in recognition of his community service -- there was grateful acceptance by Mr. Ford.

PUBLIC WORKS:9. RESOLUTION re: F.A.U. Route Addition.RESOLUTION NO. 77-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVING THE CITY OF TORRANCE PORTION OF  
THE DESIGNATION OF FEDERAL-AID URBAN ROUTES  
IN SAID CITY

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-107. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Brown that Staff investigate whether or not this funding could be used as a basis either for paying in advance or recouping some of the costs of signalization at Crest Road and Crenshaw Boulevard.

10. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Vacation of portions of Bluff Street and Newton Street (formerly California Avenue).RESOLUTION NO. 77-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF  
PORTIONS OF BLUFF STREET AND NEWTON STREET  
(FORMERLY CALIFORNIA AVENUE) SOUTHWESTERLY  
OF NEECE STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-108. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:11. RESOLUTION authorizing a contract with Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc. to conduct a current Noise Baseline Study.RESOLUTION NO. 77-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR

AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST  
 AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOLT  
 BERANEK AND NEWMAN, INC. FOR CONSULTING  
 SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH AN UPDATE  
 STUDY OF NOISE FROM AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS  
 AT TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-109, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Mrs. Alice McGuire, representing the Riviera Homeowners Association, requested a delay on the consideration of the Airport Master Plan until the results of the subject study are obtained.

The Council discussed Mrs. McGuire's request, and there was general concurrence so long as no untimely delay would occur. It was indicated by Staff that the study could be expedited with a time frame of some four weeks. It was then the direction of Mayor Miller that the Airport Master Plan hearing be scheduled for July 26th, instead of July 12th.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-109 was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

12. RESOLUTION re: Airport Rates and Charges.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND  
 CHARGES FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES AND/OR  
 SERVICES AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
 AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS 74-56 AND 75-19

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-110. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ORDINANCE establishing dog license fees for Fiscal Year 1977-78.

ORDINANCE NO. 2757

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
 CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS  
 OF SECTION 41.3.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
 CODE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL DOG LICENSE TAX  
 AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2757 at its first and only reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2758

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 41.3.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL DOG LICENSE TAX AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2757 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2758 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-111

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 TOOKER MANUFACTURING COMPANY; LARRY REID, INC.; TORRANCE MUFFLER AND AUTOMOTIVE; AND TRIDAIR INDUSTRIES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-111. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

15. ORDINANCE re: Criminal History Information.

ORDINANCE NO. 2759

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING THERETO SECTIONS 14.1.43, 14.1.44 AND 14.1.45 RELATING TO INELIGIBILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR CRIMINAL CONDUCT AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION RELATED THERETO

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve Ordinance No. 2759 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

See Page 10.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

17. RESOLUTION authorizing renewal of contract with the County of Los Angeles concerning General Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A  
CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONCERNING GENERAL SERVICES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-112. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

18. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE establishing procedures and exemption of minor construction activities from Planning Commission consideration under the Hillside Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2760

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 91.41.7  
AND 91.41.8 AND ADDING SECTION 91.41.10 TO  
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR  
EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN TYPES OF HILLSIDE  
DEVELOPMENT FROM PRECISE PLAN AND PLANNING  
COMMISSION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND DECLARING  
THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2760 at its first and only reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mayor Miller invited comments from the audience.

Mrs. Beverly Harger (?), 5713 Clearsite, advised that she has been stopped from putting in a retaining wall, and requested further clarification as to the impact of the above ordinance on her building plans. Following discussion, it was the direction of Mayor Miller that she confer directly with Building and Safety Director McKinnon regarding her specific circumstance.

Another Clearsite resident, Ms. Rogen Shirley, 5707 Clearsite, expressed regret regarding the apparent lack of communication in this matter.

Roll call vote to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 2760 was unanimously favorable.

19. WITHDRAWN.
20. RESOLUTION amending Land Use Element of General Plan  
re: definition of office-commercial category.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE  
ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED  
AUGUST 29, 1974, BY RESOLUTION NO. 74-194,  
TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE OFFICE-  
COMMERCIAL CATEGORY TO INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL  
USES AS PERMISSIBLE USES THEREIN  
(GPA 77-4, Paul Y. Koshi)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-113. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

21. STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 76-1.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place fixed for hearing any objections to the proposed acceptance of the work and confirmation of the modified assessments for Torrance Street Lighting Assessment District No. 76-1.

At the request of the Mayor, City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavits of Publication and Mailing of Notice of Hearing for the subject District. Councilman Armstrong moved that the Affidavits be received and filed; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable. It was ascertained by the Mayor that there were no written protests.

Mayor Miller then 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 Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Clerk Coil, at the Mayor's request, assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 77-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING  
THE WORK OF INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN STREET  
LIGHTING FIXTURES IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESS-  
MENT DISTRICT NO. 76-1; CONFIRMING THE  
MODIFIED ASSESSMENTS; ORDERING THE CITY  
CLERK TO RERECORD THE MODIFIED ASSESSMENTS;  
PROVIDING FOR REDUCTION OF THE CITY CONTRI-  
BUTION; ORDERING REFUNDS FOR OVERPAYMENT OF  
ASSESSMENTS; ORDERING PAYMENTS BE MADE WITHIN  
THREE YEARS AT 7% INTEREST; ORDERING THE

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAIL PAYMENT  
NOTICES, AND TO DELIVER A WARRANT, ASSESSMENT  
ROLL, DIAGRAM, AND LIEN REGISTER TO THE CITY  
TREASURER

Councilwoman Geissert moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 77-114. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-114. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

APPEALS - PLANNING:

22. PCR 77-12, Bob Klink: Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a request for approval of a Planning Commission Review application to allow the construction of an office building in the C-5 zone on property located at the southwest corner of 237th Street and Arlington Avenue. MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED BY TIE VOTE OF PLANNING COMMISSION.

Staff presentations were provided by Planning Director Shartle and Planning Assistant Woodward. Specifically noted was the fact, learned only yesterday, that there is a 20-ft. easement along the west side of the subject property which would preclude building on the rear portion of the property, per Mr. Shartle. This fact necessitates redesign, but it is the desire of the proponent to know the feeling of the Council as to the location of the building -- the front vs. the rear of the lot, according to Planning Director Shartle.

The proponent, Mr. Bob Klink, was present. The matter of the above noted easement was reviewed, as was the location of the proposed building. Mr. Klink reaffirmed his desire to locate the building at the front of the lot.

Council discussion ensued. Councilman Brewster indicated his opinion that the building would be acceptable at the front of the lot in that it would lessen the traffic problem -- general concurrence was indicated by the Council regarding the merits and attractive appearance of this arrangement.

Mr. Klink then presented written statements of approval from residential homeowners to the west, and liquor store and market owners approving the proposed building location.

Mr. James Sullivan, 2119 West 230th Place, co-owner of the second lot from the corner of 237th and Arlington -- stated his deed indicates access via an alley in the rear, the only way they have for trash disposal. Mr. Sullivan voiced objections to the proposed building being placed on the front of the lot, due to the visibility impact on his business - "they would be sitting in a hole". There also could be serious drainage problems, per Mr. Sullivan. (Existing drainage patterns are maintained by the new development, per C.E. Associate Bourbonnais, and there would be no adverse effects on existing development.)

It was noted, at this point, by City Attorney Remelmeyer that it appears that there is a good probability that the easement belongs to the City (just now brought to his attention) -- it will be necessary to check the deed, and continuance of this matter was suggested by Mr. Remelmeyer.

The Council was polled by Mayor Miller as to whether or not the matter should be continued, or to proceed, subject to the conditions of the easement. It was the feeling of the majority (Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Rossberg and Mayor Miller) that the Council proceed with this matter. (Favoring continuance: Councilmembers Brown, Geissert, Wilson).

Further comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Sullivan returned to reiterate that he wants the easement maintained; the subject building, as proposed, would cause a great economic reversal to him.

Mr. Alvin Schneider, 761 West Hamilton Avenue, San Pedro, owner of one of the buildings adjacent to the proposed building site, pointed out that one of the major reasons for Planning Commission denial was the economic impact on the neighboring businesses -- support of this decision was requested. Also reviewed by Mr. Schneider were signing problems at this location -- a lighted sign has been denied by the City. Staff investigation of this matter was requested by Mayor Miller.

Council discussion resumed: pointed out was the need for upgrading of the center; the absence of integrated parking; driveway and interior patterns are confusing; striping is almost non-existent; - the proposed structure will serve to enhance the area; general concurrence with Staff findings regarding the front location of the building, etc.

It was the comment of Councilman Wilson that it does not seem fair to block the buildings to the south of the proposed development; further, he would like to see more of the total area. Dr. Wilson would favor holding the matter for one week in order that more information be provided.

Council action is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to support the position of the proponent and to concur with the Planning Department recommendation for approval, subject to all Staff conditions, and subject to resolution of the matter of the easement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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ROUTINE MATTERS:23. LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT - CZM 77-19.RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING ASSOCIATE GOMEZ:

That the contract for \$1,060 be approved by the City Council.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Engineering Services for Traffic Signal Interconnect on Palos Verdes Blvd.  
(Ref. Bid #B77-30) - Expenditure: \$4,000.00RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR OF

TRANSPORTATION: That Council accept the low bid submitted by Weston Pringle and approve of a contract award to them for designing the Palos Verdes traffic signal interconnect in the total amount of \$4,000.00.

25. FINAL TRACT NO. 33001

Subdivider: Carriage Development Corporation  
Engineer: South Bay Engineering  
Location: West side of Maple between Sonoma and  
Eldorado Street

No. of Lots: 6

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER/PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That Final Tract Map No. 33001 be approved.

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

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The hour being 7:36 P.M., the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:37 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. Building and Safety Director McKinnon advised that the skeletal framework is now up at 949 Calle Miramar in the matter of PP 77-6, Gene and Dorothy Duley, and ready for viewing by the Council on Wednesday, June 22nd or Thursday, June 23rd.

27. Councilman Armstrong noted communication from Mobil Oil Corporation regarding water recycling program and difficulties in dealing with the Southern California Air Quality Management District, and requested that Staff investigate this matter and report back to the Council.

28. Councilman Brewster MOVED to grant an excused absence to Water Commission Chairman Dishon on June 23rd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

29. Councilman Brown requested Staff review a traffic problem on Hickory between Torrance and Maricopa.

30. Councilwoman Geissert noted the upcoming vacancy on the South Bay Juvenile Diversion Team Advisory Board, with the resignation of Ms. Joyce Mar, and the need for an appointment to fill this vacancy. It was agreed that this be returned as a regular agenda item.

31. Councilman Rossberg noted the Youth Council Picnic on Saturday, June 25th.

32. Councilman Wilson reviewed the positive financial impact on the South Bay area of Northrop's F-18-L were they granted a contract by the Federal Government -- Staff research on this matter, with a report back to Council, was requested by Dr. Wilson -- further, that Staff prepare an appropriate resolution of support for the F-18-L program which can be sent to congressional delegation, with copies to City Councils and Chambers of Commerce.

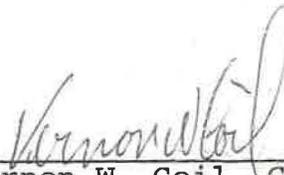
33. Councilman Armstrong requested a status report on Delthorne Park.

ITEM #16 - EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

The Council recessed at 7:56 for the purpose of an Executive Session. No action was taken on their return at 8:30 P.M.

Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Thursday, June 23, 1977, at 4:30 P.M. for a Budget Workshop Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

APPROVED:

  
Mayor, of the City of Torrance  
Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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