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Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
(FIFTH AND FINAL BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION)

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting at its Fifth and Final Budget Workshop Session on Wednesday, June 29, 1977, at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

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, Finance Director Dundore, Assistant Finance Director Rankin and Budget Officer Ng.

I. PRESENTATION BY CITY STAFF.

A. REORGANIZATION OF REVENUE COLLECTION FUNCTION
IN FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

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II. DELIBERATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET BY
CITY COUNCIL.

A. REVIEW SUMMARY OF CONSENSUS REACHED TO DATE BY
CITY COUNCIL IN REGARD TO AMENDMENTS TO THE
PROPOSED BUDGET.

Councilman Rossberg expressed his reservations regarding the YMCA Senior Citizen Nutrition Program; Staff clarification was provided, with note of the fact that a contract will be submitted for Council approval. Overall Council concurrence was indicated for the subject program, and with the amended proposed budget.

III. B. OTHER BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Reviewed were the matters of the bus fare structure; the need to add the "Airport Manager" designation; bilingual ballots; OSHA requirements; use of Gas Tax Funds; etc.

COUNCIL ACTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. RESOLUTION amending and adopting the City Manager's Proposed 1977-78 City Budget.

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- B. RESOLUTION establishing revised schedule of fines and fees for late, lost or damaged library materials.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE OF FINES AND FEES FOR LATE, LOST, OR DAMAGED LIBRARY MATERIALS FOR THE TORRANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-124. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- C. EMERGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCES amending the Uniform Building Code, the Uniform Plumbing Code, the Uniform Mechanical Code and the National Electrical Code to provide for amended permit and inspection fees.

ORDINANCE NO. 2761

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, AND THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDED RATES TO PERMITS AND FOR INSPECTION, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2761 at its first and only reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORDINANCE NO. 2762

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, AND THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDED RATES TO PERMITS AND FOR INSPECTION

Councilman Wilson moved for approval of Ordinance No. 2762 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- D. RESOLUTION establishing revised engineering plan check fees from private developers for street, sanitary sewer and storm drain improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING ENGINEERING PLAN CHECK FEES FROM PRIVATE LAND DEVELOPERS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS, SANITARY SEWERS AND STORM DRAINS

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-125. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- E. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE amending inspection fees for street excavations.

ORDINANCE NO. 2763

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 74.6.5 AND 74.6.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PERMIT, INSPECTION, SUPERVISION AND FEES FOR STREET EXCAVATIONS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2763 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF DELTHORNE PARK.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARK AND RECREATION:

That the City Council award the contract to the low bidder - Moulder Brothers - in the amount of \$463,545.

Staff presentation was provided by Park and Recreation Director Milkovich.

Concurrence with the concept as presented (per communication of June 29, 1977, of record) was indicated by the Council.

(Formal action was taken later in the meeting -- See Page 5.)

The Council now returned to:

I. PRESENTATION BY CITY STAFF:

A. REORGANIZATION OF REVENUE COLLECTION FUNCTION IN FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Finance Director Dundore reaffirmed the written report, of record, on the subject matter.

Reviewed by City Manager Ferraro was the role of employee organizations in matters pertaining to reorganizations, noting their diverse missions in such cases. It was the added comment of Assistant to the City Manager Jackson that they will be meeting and conferring with the various employee organizations over the reorganization. A series of actions must yet be taken by the Council in order to carry out the subject reorganization, per Mr. Jackson.

It was the recommendation of Councilwoman Geissert that next year's initial Budget Workshop Session deal with any major reorganizations in order that a like situation will not again occur.

A need for improved communication in such matters was acknowledged by City Manager Ferraro.

Comments from Mrs. Barbara Ziegler, based on her communication protesting her inability to respond at the previous Budget Workshop Session, were invited by Mayor Miller. The Mayor also noted a communication from the Torrance Police Officers Association indicating their opposition to the proposed reorganization in the Finance Department.

Mrs. Ziegler noted the grave concern and keen interest of employees in the overall welfare and good of the City, hence the reservations regarding the subject reorganization. It was further noted by Mrs. Ziegler that key witnesses in this matter had been requested by their department head not to speak at this meeting -- it was the direction of Mayor Miller that this very serious allegation be referred to the City Manager for investigation.

The position of TCEA -- that this matter be referred to the Civil Service Committee - was reaffirmed by Mrs. Ziegler, as were the overall contents of her June 29, 1977 communication, of record, which rebuts earlier statements made by the City Manager relative to the reorganization.

Council discussion was directed to the appropriate procedure in this matter. It was pointed out by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson that two of the affected employee organizations have requested to "meet and consult", and there could be a like arrangement with TCEA; this would be the proper course of action, per City Attorney Remelmeyer. Also noted was the right of Council review of decisions made at such meetings.

It was the consensus of the Council that the "meet and consult" procedure be followed.

The Council now returned to:

III. COUNCIL ACTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. RESOLUTION amending and adopting the City Manager's Proposed 1977-78 City Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977-78

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-126. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

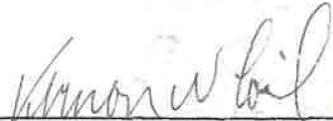
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MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved that the City Council award the contract to the low bidder - Moulder Brothers - in the amount of \$463,545. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Concluding remarks at this final Budget Workshop Session were provided by City Manager Ferraro.

At 6:15 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, July 5, 1977, at 5:30 P.M. 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