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Adjourned at 1:45 A.M.

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Minute Secretary

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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, July 26, 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:

City Engineer Weaver led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Bill Norton, South Bay Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of June 20, June 23 and June 28, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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 COMMITTEES:

No reports.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

- 8. GIRLS SOFTBALL WEEK - August 1 - August 7, 1977.
- 9. NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP MONTH - Month of August, 1977.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 10. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - Improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard from Hawthorne Boulevard to Madrona Avenue. (B76-34) Job No. 75155.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

- 1. That the work be accepted and final payment be made to the contractor, and
- 2. That \$20,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds to cover costs.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-146

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 CONTRACT FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AMPCO METALS CO.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-146. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

- 12. ORDINANCE NO. 2744.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SECONDARY RECOVERY OIL OPERATIONS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2744 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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13. ORDINANCE NO. 2770.ORDINANCE NO. 2770

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART IV OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR MID-MANAGERS, ADDING A NEW PART IV TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2770 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2771.ORDINANCE NO. 2771

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART X OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION ADDING A NEW PART X TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2771 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2772.ORDINANCE NO. 2772

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW PART XIV DEALING WITH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2772 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2773.ORDINANCE NO. 2773

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART V OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE

MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES  
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL  
EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1117 AND ADDING A NEW  
PART V TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE  
SAME SUBJECT

On behalf of the City's Fiscal Employees, Ms. Pauline Greer protested the passing of Ordinance No. 2773 on July 19th under Oral Communications; reviewed the series of circumstances which placed this group of employees in Local 1117 and the apparent "internal problems"; etc. However, per Ms. Greer, these problems do not relieve the City of its responsibility to set salaries and to pay its employees an equitable wage without regard to race, religion, color, age or sex. Accountant and Sr. Accountant requirements and, per Ms. Greer, inequities were also reviewed. It was the concluding comment of Ms. Greer that "we are going to follow this to its ultimate conclusion; we believe that law and morality are on our side, and, in a free society, law and morality must prevail."

City Manager Ferraro advised that any Council discussion in this matter would be out of order; that Ms. Greer must settle any differences with the union representatives.

Councilman Wilson moved that Ordinance No. 2773 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

17. PUBLIC HEARING - TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT 1977 MASTER PLAN DRAFT.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on the 1977 Master Plan for the Torrance Municipal Airport, the NOISE ELEMENT to be considered this date.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

The history of the evolvement of the 1977 Master Plan was outlined by the Mayor, following which detailed Staff presentations were provided by Director of Transportation Horkay, Airport Manager Critchfield, Environmental Quality Administrator Godfrey, C.E. Assistant Grosse and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Further input was provided by Mr. John Mills, Bolt, Baranek and Newman, and Mr. Will Cope, FAA Tower Chief.

Mayor Miller then invited comments from the audience. Speakers, and their salient points, were:

Dr. A.C. Eastlake, Torrance Pilots Association: (Statement of record) -- introduced the following speakers: Commander M.A. Mason (statement of record) discussed decibel level and the willingness of the pilots to meet the established level. Mr. Charles Miller reviewed the merits of landing aids, and urged their early installation.

Mr. Chuck Belba, City of Lomita: Presented a petition with some 300 signatures, as well as a resolution opposing the Torrance Airport Master Plan, delineating the concerns of Lomita residents (of record). Further, per Mr. Belba, all touch-and-gos should be eliminated; curfew violations were noted, as were flight school problems, etc. The following recommendations were offered: cancel the lease of any pilot with frequent violations of flight pattern, or craft exceeding 70 SNEL in the residential areas; NAVAIDS are not the right thing for the Torrance Airport, and absolutely no heliport should be developed at the Airport.

Mr. Leland Dolley, City Attorney, City of Lomita: The City of Torrance does not have enough data to support the EIR. Mr. Dolley likewise reviewed the somewhat inconclusive, in his opinion, findings of the recent noise study as it related to the City of Lomita; the relationship of the DMJM report; etc.

Mrs. Polly Watts, Torrance League of Women Voters: (Written material of record) - Reaffirmed their support of the concept of controlled Airport noise; questioned the 90 db noise level, the effectiveness of notification to offenders (penalties should be established); etc.

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Mr. Bernie Hollander, New Horizons representative:  
Presented petition with 609 signatures requesting that the Council ban touch-and-go training flights from the Airport, and that a strict noise ordinance be enacted. Strong disapproval of NAVAIDS was also voiced by Mr. Hollander.

Dr. Paul Goodley, pilot: Noted the imperative need for NAVAIDS at the Airport. Questioned by Dr. Goodley was whether or not there could be legislation which would ban out-of-area pilots from performing touch-and-gos -- this was referred to the City Attorney for further study.

Mr. Richard Cutts, 3030 Windmill Road, representing Country Hills Homeowners Association: Opposed to any expanded operations of the Airport, with touch-and-gos reduced, if not banned; 90 db is much too high; opposed to helicopter service, other than emergency service.

Mr. Al Mark, 2422 West 232nd Place: Described the value of NAVAIDS, and noted the need for homeowner education relative to the Airport.

Ms. Hazapian (?), 23143 Grant Avenue: Described the turn-over of homes in this area (the point where aircraft make their turn) and resultant neighborhood deterioration. Problems of safety, noise, etc. were also pointed out -- it was the request of this speaker that the Council consider the elimination of all flight schools and student training, and all touch-and go landings; under no circumstances should NAVAIDS be installed.

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A 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller at this time -- the hour was 9:50 P.M.

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Mr. Dick Wampack, 4206 Lenora, Southwood Homeowners Association: There should be pride in Torrance Airport, with approval of moderate progress - NAVAIDS would be in order, as would an improved appearance of the present Airport facilities.

Mr. Ray Clever, 23321 Shadycroft Avenue: (Statement of record) Voiced approval of NAVAIDS and overall operations of the Airport.

Mrs. Alice Maquire, Riviera Homeowners Association:  
Recommendations are: elimination of touch-and-go operations, limit yearly number of operations to 200,000 instead of present 500,000, elimination of flight schools, establish reasonable noise levels consistent with residential area, noise monitoring on and off the Airport, no NAVAIDS, no heliport except for emergency or rescue vehicles, curfew for both take-off and landings from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M., legislation by Council with penalty clauses to make meaningful the proposed noise measures, homeowner representation on the joint advisory

noise committee and on the Airport Commission, reduction in tie-down and hangar spaces to a number consistent with 200,000 operations per year.

Mr. Keith Phelps, 2736 - 234th Street: Finds the Airport noise generally tolerable; noisy pilots should be reprimanded if they continue to violate reasonable noise standards -- 90 dba is too much noise, in his opinion.

Mr. Lance Hillsinger, 419 Camino de Encanto, president, UCLA Flying Club: Reviewed experiences at Santa Monica Airport, noise requirements, economic considerations, etc.

Mr. Jim Frasso, 23007 Kent, representing Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association: (Statement and petition with 900 signatures of record) Deemed the Noise Element inadequate minus any tangible noise reductions, specific limits on airplane operations, etc. NAVAIDS will attract more and larger aircrafts, per Mr. Frasso. Also reviewed were noise levels, and the imperative need to reduce noise at the Airport.

Mr. Clint Meadway, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce: (Statement of record) Speaking as a private citizen, Mr. Meadway commended Torrance's growth and that of the Airport; reviewed the value of NAVAIDS; urged use of all the valuable input into the Master Plan.

Mr. Al Hicks, 23026 Galva Avenue: Reviewed the constant annoyance of general aviation aircraft taking off and circling overhead -- a quiet state is impossible. The proposed Master Plan reveals no reduction in Airport operations -- what will the next 5 years bring, was questioned by Mr. Hicks.

Mrs. Betty Kerrs, 22643 Draile Drive: As a 26-year resident of Torrance, reviewed commitments through the years regarding the Airport -- residents are seriously affected by the noise of an overexpanded Airport, and are deserving of Council consideration in this regard.

Mr. Joe Arciuch, 23521 Kathryn Avenue: (Statement of record) Recommended a workshop session in the interest of clarification for all concerned parties, and reiterated his views regarding airport noise.

Mr. Jack Cramer, 2668 - 232nd Street, representing Marble Estates Homeowners Association: Hopefully the Council has been convinced that there is a noise problem at the Airport -- Mr. Cramer then related his personal experience with noise complaints, and urged the banning of touch-and-gos, reduced operations, and no NAVAIDS.

Mr. Tony Mattell, 23029 Galva: Reviewed the "quality of life" aspect of this matter; the noise level should be reduced to 82 db.

Mr. E.J. Alexander, Peninsula Aviation, 2955 Airport Drive: Noise should be banned, not aircraft that use so-called jet fuel, in that such aircraft are often quieter than many small general aviation aircraft. The value of his helicopter service was described, and his full cooperation in working with homeowner groups, etc. in the interest of controlling noise was offered.

Mr. Robert Peters, 3444 Redondo Beach Boulevard: Elaborated on airport operations, NAVAIDS, enforcement procedures, etc. from the standpoint of an experienced pilot and professional airport background.

Mr. David Pierce, 4 Lariat Lane, Rolling Hills Estates: A pilot who stated that the noise problem is likely due to pilot techniques rather than quantity and quality of aircraft.

Ms. Evelyn Eggleston, Torrance Pilots Association: Presented a petition delineating the Association's position regarding the Airport Master Plan (of official record).

Mr. John La Resche, Torrance Heights Civic Association: Presented a petition with 333 signatures and reported the position of this Association (both items of official record).

Mr. Hugh Greenbaum, 309 Via el Chico: A South High student who stated that Airport noise does not present a problem in the classrooms.

Mr. W.D. Brugger, SETHA: Presented petition and statement, both of official record.

Unidentified speaker: It appears that the homeowners are willing to concede slightly so that they can set a minimum so they can maintain the Airport, rather than having it developed the way it should be -- the City Council should not permit this.

Mr. James R. Matheson, Hilltop Homeowners Association: They like the Airport; there is no noise problem; they do not want jets.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Miller invited Council discussion. Consideration was specifically directed to the recommendations of the Council Committee re: Airport Noise Abatement Policies and the status thereof. Staff clarification was provided, and there was detailed input by FAA Tower Chief Cope. The need for a "trial period" of the Committee recommendations, and review of the degree of their effectiveness, was acknowledged by the Council. Also contemplated were the possible merits of total elimination of touch-and-gos as well as weekend training operations. Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to adopt the NOISE ELEMENT of the Airport Master Plan (as spelled out on Pages 123 and 124) with further adoption of the contents of Pages 182 and 183 as they relate to the Noise Element. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Rossberg,  
Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown (too many "loose ends");  
Geissert (preferred an amendment re:  
no touch-and-gos and no weekend  
training flights).

Further, Staff was directed to return with an appropriate ordinance in the matter of the noise level within 30 days, and with ordinances re: Item 3 a to e (page 123) in two weeks.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue the hearing on the Airport Master Plan to August 2, 1977, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and approval was unanimous.

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The hour being 1:30 A.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 5-minute recess.

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ROUTINE MATTERS:

18. 701 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GRANT.  
CPA 1036.301 (PLANNING PROCESS CONSOLIDATION.)

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING ASSOCIATE GOMEZ:  
That the City Council approve the subject contract.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTE:  
The City's share of this Grant (Staff time - \$22,000) is included in our 1977-78 Budget.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of Planning Associate Gomez and for the appropriation of the necessary funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 1:37 A.M., the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 1:38 A.M.

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ADDENDUM ITEM:

19. POLICE STATION AIR CONDITIONING BREAKDOWN - July 23, 1977.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:  
That \$30,000 be appropriated from the General Fund Reserve for the new Police Facility to replace and repair the damaged air conditioning system at the Police Station.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

20. Councilwoman Geissert requested an excused absence for Charles Dishon, chairman, Water Commission from the Commission meetings for July and August. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

21. Mr. Joe Clukey expressed disappointment with the outcome of the Airport Master Plan hearing, and recommended that, in the future, there be input from qualified Staff members and experts instead of a single source -- the FAA comments at this meeting being the case in point.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 1:45 A.M.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance