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Adjourned at 11:26 P.M.

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Ava Cripe
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, August 23, 1977, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Brewster.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Coil. Absent: City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Administrative Assistant Payne led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Dennis Bentley, Church of the Nazarene, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No reports.

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PRESENTATION:

- 8. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE to North Torrance Lions Club.

Mayor Miller present a plaque to Mr. Roger Hulburd, president, North Torrance Lions Club in recognition of their winning the Governor's Trophy as the outstanding Lions Club in District 4-L-3, 1976-77. Mr. Hulburd gratefully accepted this plaque.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- 9. RESOLUTION re: consolidation and transfer of Postal Service mail operations.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING CONCERN WITH THE CONSOLIDATION AND TRANSFER OF POSTAL SERVICE MAIL OPERATIONS TO THE MARINA MAIL FACILITY AND REAFFIRMING THAT NO DETERIORATION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL MAIL DELIVERIES SHOULD OCCUR AS A RESULT OF SAID CONSOLIDATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-165, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Post Office representatives Vivian Lott and Wallace Kido reviewed the project (written material of record) and the merits thereof -- Mr. Kido affirmed that no deterioration of mail service would result with the subject consolidation.

Mr. Frank Dussel, 5314 Palos Verdes Boulevard, member of Citizens for Better Postal Service Committee, reiterated his opposition of record to the proposed consolidation.

It was pointed out by Mayor Miller that the above resolution does not support either side in this matter; it simply recognizes the fact that the City Council is concerned that there be no deterioration of residential and commercial mail deliveries.

Roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution No. 77-165 was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

BUILDING STRUCTURE AND SIGNS:

- 10. REQUEST BY EAGLESON'S for a temporary sign on private property.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

Approval of Eagleson's, 20430 Hawthorne Boulevard, for an additional 60 days exposure of their temporary sign so that they may have the necessary exposure until they can formulate their revised sign program and have that program approved by the Torrance Environmental Quality Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

COMMISSION MATTERS:

11. COMMENDATIONS FOR OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

In accordance with policy established July 18, 1972, it is recommended that Mr. Harold Grantham be given a Certificate of Appreciation and Mr. David Halstead receive a large tile plaque.

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

The recent resignation of Reverend Carroll Parker, Human Resources Commission, was noted, with regret, by Councilman Armstrong.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

12. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT #8 (Charles H. Wilson Park).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:

1. That the City Council set September 13, 1977 as the date and time for a public hearing on this matter;
2. That the City Council designate the area of Charles H. Wilson Park as proposed Underground Utility District #8; and
3. That the City Council direct the City Clerk to notify all property owners in the affected areas.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

13. RESOLUTION re: Contract with Pacific Environmental Services, Inc. for Del Amo Associates EIR.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-166

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 AND PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(EA 77-16)

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Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-166. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

- 14. ORDINANCES re:1977-78 Property Tax Levy and Budget Adjustments.

ORDINANCE NO. 2778

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977-78 LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2778 at its first reading; motion seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 2779

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1977

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2779 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to appropriate \$1,577,888 from the General Budget Reserve for salaries and benefit adjustments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

REAL PROPERTY:

- 15. RESOLUTION re: Airport Lease (Pacific Home Concept, Inc.)

RESOLUTION NO. 77-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A MONTH-TO-MONTH AGREEMENT OF AIRPORT PROPERTY AT 2809 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY TO PACIFIC HOME CONCEPTS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-167. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

16. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - Torrance Municipal Airport 1977 Master Plan Draft.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the continued public hearing re: the Airport Master Plan. Considered this date: FINANCIAL ELEMENT.

Staff presentations were made by C.E. Assistant Grosse, Finance Director Dundore and Airport Manager Critchfield.

Speakers were:

Mr. John LaResche, Torrance Heights Civic Association: In that half of the Airport revenues are from non-aeronautical leases, the City likely would make more money by reducing aircraft operations. Careful scrutiny of any agreements (as in the case of the NAVAIDS) was urged by Mr. LaResche.

Mrs. Polly Watts, speaking as an individual, stated that the Staff material pertaining to this Element was not available until tonight -- there has been no opportunity to review this report by the League and other interested parties and groups.

Mr. Ed Greene, Madrona Homeowners Association: (Prepared statement of record) Concurred with above speaker, and recommended additional time to permit in-depth study of Staff material.

Mr. Roy Young, Young and Remington, Architects: Reiterated their interest in development of the Airport, and noted their building concept which could serve as a General Aviation Center.

Mr. Bernie Hollander: Postponement, pending further study, was recommended by this speaker as well.

Mr. Clint Meadway, Aviation Committee, Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce: Reviewed Airport uses, financial aspects at other Airports, T-hangar revenue, etc.

Mr. Joe Arcuich: Commended Financial Report and generally reviewed its contents.

Mrs. Alice Maquire, Riveria Homeowners Association, and Mrs. Yvonne Tresselt, Southwood Homeowners Association: Requested continuance of Financial Element until they have had an opportunity to study Staff report, as well as the other pending Master Plan considerations.

Mrs. Betty Sanders, Torrance Pilots Association:
Joined in requesting continuance of consideration of the
Financial Element.

Mr. Jim Frasso, Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association:
Generally reviewed Staff presentation; necessary clarification
was provided. It is the opinion of the Association, "as compensa-
tion to the community for the Airport's detrimental environmental
effect, that all non-aeronautical funds should be ploughed back
into the General Fund to supplement the City."

Council discussion followed. It was the consensus of
the Council to hold the Financial Element, as well as the
other unresolved Master Plan concerns. Formal action taken
by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to hold the subject
matter until September 20, 1977, expecting no Master Plan
items on the agenda next week, expecting an updated matrix of
what we have done, where we are going and what we have isolated,
the following week, and expecting to deal with the isolated
elements as they are ready in this 30-day period. The motion
was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and was unanimously approved
by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

Specific items for review, per Mayor Miller: Skypark
Drive; recreational vehicles on Crenshaw Boulevard; access
roads to Crenshaw, Airport Way; commercial property access;
Saturday and Sunday touch-and-gos; T-hangars; Crenshaw
frontage. It was the added request of Councilwoman Geissert
that there be some sort of an agreement re: a goal statement.

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The hour being 9:50 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute
recess. On its return at 10:00 P.M., the Council recessed, and
reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its regular
agenda order at 10:05 P.M.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

17. ORDINANCE re: ZC 77-7, David M. Shaby.

ORDINANCE NO. 2780

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY
THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON
THE NORTH SIDE OF 182ND STREET APPROXI-
MATELY 210 FEET EAST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 77-7
(David M. Shaby)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2780 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

18. ORDINANCE re: ZC 77-8, Universal Trade and Industries, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 2781

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ANZA AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET SOUTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 77-8 (Universal Trade & Industries, Inc.)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance 2781 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

19. ORDINANCE re: Home Occupation Permit requirements.

Councilman Brown questioned the ordinance language re: Sec. 92.18.4 (a) -- radius should be wider; Section 92.18.5(d) -- should read "property occupants" rather than "property owners"; (e) a permitted area of 25% seems too large.

In view of the above, Mayor Miller MOVED to refer Item #19 to the City Attorney for rewriting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

MANPOWER MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION re: Contract Amendment with State of California Employment Development Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO SUPPORT THE CLASSROOM TRAINING PROGRAM FROM \$112,000 TO \$120,000

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-168. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-169

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-

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JOB TRAINING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AND TORRANCE DATSUN, CORP. AND
CROWN BODY AND FENDER COMPANY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-169. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2777.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.43.1
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD THE
CLASS TITLE AND SALARY OF CIVIL SERVICE
ANALYST

Councilman Wilson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2777 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg,
Wilson; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown (not present at first
reading)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

23. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT to provide window cleaning service for City buildings. (Ref. Bid B77-48) Expenditure: \$5,957.40.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve of the award of an annual contract to Contact Cleaning Company for window cleaning service in the total amount of \$5,957.40.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.
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MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Litigation.
See Page 10.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. City Manager Ferraro noted the League of California Cities Conference in San Francisco on September 27th which will be attended by the Council.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that Council be dark on the night of September 27th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

27. Councilwoman Geissert reviewed problems presented by General Telephone's delayed dial tones, and the investigation made by City Manager Ferraro, in conjunction with Mr. Bodie Fite, General Telephone Company. It was the conclusion of Mrs. Geissert that the temporary situation arose because of delays in delivery time of equipment and heavy use of equipment during the unusual rain storm, and that everything possible is being done to avoid a reoccurrence.

Mr. Fite was present to further clarify the problems, and to advise that installation of the alleviating equipment is going forward.

28. Councilman Rossberg discussed the matter of the Legislature fight over changing the State formula for allocating sales tax, and the impact on the City of Torrance. Staff investigation and report to the Council was requested.

29. Mr. Robert Mitzner, 21330 Anza, and Mr. Ed Widehaus, 436 Via los Miradores, protested a billing by the City involving plants and sprinkler heads on Anza Avenue. A Staff report was requested by Mayor Miller.

30. Mr. Martin Koble, 5519 RockyView Drive, requested clarification re: Crossing Guard pay practices; this was provided by City Manager Ferraro at the close of the meeting. Of further interest to Mr. Koble was the City's position re: additional beds for Little Company of Mary Hospital -- the denial of this request by the State was noted by Mayor Miller.

31. Mr. Dave Sergeant, representing AYSO, requested Council approval of a banner across the South High overpass advertising their soccer tryouts. Building and Safety Director McKinnon indicated approval of the request, subject to considerations re: liability insurance, removal bond, etc.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to waive bonding and insurance for the AYSO banner, subject to the approval of other conditions of a safety and structural nature by the Director of Building and Safety. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

32. Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado, requested clarification regarding underground pipelines in the vicinity of Carson and Madrona, and noted the possible need for an ordinance in this area. City Manager Ferraro advised that a report is now being prepared on this subject and will be forthcoming in September.

It was the further request of Mr. Greene that consideration be given to a "light indicator" system so that it can be obvious to the public as to which Staff person is talking.

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AGENDA ITEMS #24 - #25 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:10 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session, returning at 11:25 P.M. to take the following action:

ORDINANCE NO. 2782

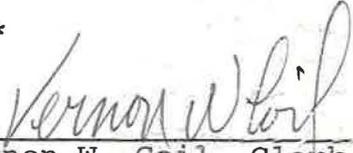
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PART XII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION AND ADDING A NEW PART XII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SAME
SUBJECT

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2782 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:26 P.M.

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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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