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Adjourned at 9:36 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, August 30, 1977, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brown arrived at 5:50 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

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

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Ad Hoc - Downtown Torrance:  
Will meet on September 21st at 5:00 P.M.

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Civil Service Committee:

Will meet on September 19th at 6:00 P.M.

Ad Hoc - Exempt Salaries:

Met on August 29th - scheduled an additional meeting for September 19th at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENTATION:

8. Introduction and Recognition of Lieutenant James Weyant, Torrance Police Department.

Held for one week.

PROCLAMATION:

9. JERRY LEWIS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TELETHON WEEKEND - September 4th-5th, 1977.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

10. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.

Mayor Miller presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Reverend Carroll Parker, former member of the Human Resources Commission, in recognition of his community contribution.

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Mr. Hal Nolan, Automobile Club of Southern California, presented to Police Chief Nash for the City of Torrance a plaque in recognition of pedestrian safety achievements in Torrance.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

11. RESOLUTION re: Vacation of portions of Maricopa Street west of Hawthorne Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF MARICOPA STREET WEST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-170. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer that the Council waive the fee and initiate the vacation. The motion was seconded by

Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

- 12. RESOLUTION re: Vacation of a portion of Hawthorne Boulevard (Unused Deceleration Lane 12 ft. wide).

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the Council initiate the vacation and waive the fee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

RESOLUTION NO. 77-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-171. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

REAL PROPERTY:

- 13. RESOLUTION authorizing partial assignment of certain Airport hangar leases.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THOSE CERTAIN PARTIAL ASSIGNMENTS OF HANGAR LEASES (HANGAR SITES NOS. 2,13,14) DATED \_\_\_\_\_ 1977 FROM JAMES A WHITE AND MAXINE M. WHITE TO DAVID A KENNEY, JACK T. THOMPSON AND TOM WASHBURN RESPECTIVELY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-172. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown had not yet arrived at the meeting).

(Councilman Brown arrived at this point in the meeting, the hour being 5:50 P.M.)

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

- 14. PROPOSAL FOR CITY PARTICIPATION IN ENERGY CONSERVATION.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 77-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION  
OF AN ENERGY CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR THE  
CONSERVATION OF ENERGY FOR THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-173; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to taking action on the above motion, a detailed and informative presentation on the matter of Energy Conservation was provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon, with acknowledgment of the valuable input contributed by Mr. Doug Stenhouse, Planning Commissioner. Mr. Stenhouse was present to further comment on Energy Conservation.

Council discussion was directed to overall energy concerns, the possible formation of a Community Steering Committee, the need to expedite appropriate programs and provide community enlightenment, energy plan timetables, etc. The Council unanimously commended Building and Safety Director McKinnon for the subject report and for the accomplishments to date.

Roll call vote on Councilman Armstrong's motion was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

15. AIRPORT MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE OF SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND CONTINUED FINANCIAL ELEMENT.

The subject Schedule met with the approval of the Council.

Councilwoman Geissert reviewed the Airport Goals prepared and recommended by her (of official record), and unanimous Council concurrence with these Goals was expressed.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the Airport Master Plan Schedule, and to direct that the Goals be referred to the City Attorney, to be returned to the Council in resolution form. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. WATER MAIN BREAK - Paseo de las Tortugas and Mesa Street.

RECOMMENDATION OF CLAIMS BOARD:

That Council approve the request for funds not to exceed \$10,000 for the residences at 3900 Bluff Street and 3888 Bluff Street.

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

17. AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE - Anniversary Premium Quotation.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That Council accept the anniversary premium offer of Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to provide automobile physical damage insurance for the 1977-78 fiscal year at an annual premium cost of \$5,888.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

18. RESOLUTION re: Manpower Programs Coordinator.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH SALARIES AND WAGE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR MANPOWER JOB TRAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-174; his motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-175

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 KASDEN'S LA TIENDA INTERIORS AND CAL STEREO, INC.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-175. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

20. RESOLUTION re: Charles H. Wilson Park Development Project Agreement Amendment (Project No. 06-00487)

RESOLUTION NO. 77-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF A PROJECT AMENDMENT FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROJECT NO. 06-00487, CHARLES H. WILSON PARK DEVELOPMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY

AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESOURCES  
AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-176. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Park and Recreation to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Contingency Reserve Funds \$69,861 to match the Land and Water Conservation Grant of \$69,861. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. WITHDRAWN.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

22. WITHDRAWN.

23. ORDINANCE re: Supplemental MOU - TPSA. (Deputy City Clerk)

ORDINANCE NO. 2783

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.43.1  
OF PART IV OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH COM-  
PENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRE-  
SENTED BY TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND  
SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2783 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 2780.

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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 APPROXIMATELY  
210 FEET EAST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND  
DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 77-7  
(David M. Shaby)

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2780 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster abstained in that he was not present at the first reading).

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25. ORDINANCE NO. 2781.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.)

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2781 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable; Councilman Brewster abstained (not present at first reading).

26. ORDINANCE NO. 2782.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 Brown moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2782 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable, with Councilman Brewster abstaining (not present at first reading).  
PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

27. REPORT ON HR 7554.RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR GOMEZ:

That the Staff be directed to advise the National League of Cities re: concerns of record regarding HR 7554.

That along with that advisement the National League of Cities advocacy be requested regarding deletion of these conditions from the bill.

Clarification was provided by Planning Director Shartle.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation, with the added recommendation that the advocacy of our Congressional delegation be solicited as well. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:15 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency. A five-minute recess followed at 7:16 P.M.

APPEALS - PLANNING:

28. PP 77-23, DR. AND MRS. JOHN KEDDINGTON. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of an addition to an existing single-family dwelling in the R-1 zone on property located at 606 Via Lcs Miradores. APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 Associate Danielson, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Bruce Lang, 201 Via Mesa Grande (neighbor to the east of the proposed project who appealed the Planning Commission approval), reaffirmed his objections of record in the subject matter, and provided photographs in support of his position.

The proponent, Dr. John Keddington, reviewed his needs for the addition, as proposed, and his efforts to keep same compatible with the neighborhood.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion ensued, it being the ultimate consensus that alternatives should be explored by Staff in this case as well as in future cases prior to presentation to Council.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to hold PP 77-23 to the Council meeting of September 13, 1977, this item to be returned with possible options and alternatives. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. David Rosenthal, 414 Strand, Manhattan Beach, was permitted to speak at this time -- he elaborated on the importance of a person's view -- it should not be taken away.

29. PP 77-14, BILLY S. FOSTER. Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of an addition to an existing single-family dwelling in the R-1 zone on property located at 326 Via San Sebastian. APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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 public hearing on PP 77-14. Staff presentation was provided by Planning Associate Danielson. Noted by Councilman Armstrong was the absence of alternatives, as in the above case; the same

rationale should prevail, and PP 77-14 likewise should be continued.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

Mr. Norman Phillips, neighbor to the east of the proposed project who appealed the Planning Commission approval, reiterated his objections, of record.

The proponent, Mr. Billy Foster, was present to request Council approval of his plan as proposed which was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. To otherwise build the desired addition would represent a substantial economic hardship, per Mr. Foster.

Mr. Mel Satterberg, 311 Via San Sebastian, indicated his approval of the proposed addition, and urged Council concurrence with same.

There being no one else present who wished to be heard, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer Item #29, PP 77-14, to Staff for further consideration re: possible alternatives, to be returned to Council on September 13, 1977, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Brown that Staff return at a later date with some input regarding trees, as well as an analysis re: the Rancho Palos Verdes ordinance in this regard.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

- 30. AMERICAN WHOLESALE PRINTING COMPANY - Appeal of decision of License Review Board denial of business license.

Continued to September 6th.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

- 31. DONATION TO THE CITY FROM TORRANCE CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARK AND RECREATION:

- 1. That your Honorable Body accept the generous donation of \$415.70 from the Torrance Craftsmen's Guild, and
- 2. That a letter be sent to the Guild on behalf of the City acknowledging our thanks and appreciation of their donation.

- 32. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Re: Corrugated Steel Pipe with Couplers. Ref. Bid #B77-41 Expenditure: \$8,224.15

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve of an award of contract for the required corrugated pipe to American Culvert Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$8,224.15, including sales tax.

33. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACT to furnish Slurry Seal Coating. Ref. Bid #B77-50 Expenditure: \$42,135.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by the Pavement Coating Company and approve of the awarding of the contract for the required slurry seal to them in the total amount of \$42,135.00, including taxes. Pavement Coating is our current supplier and has performed satisfactorily to date.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #31, 32, and #33. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. City Manager Ferraro requested clarification regarding future presentations involving the hillside ordinance (as in items #28 and #29 this date) -- it was the direction of the Council that there be more in-depth Staff input encompassing alternatives and options; plot plans; silhouettes; and overall impact on the entire immediate area.
35. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested a time extension of two months on the Conflict of Interest Code. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.
36. Councilman Armstrong requested Staff investigation re: trash dumping activities on the County site, based on complaints received by him from Country Hills residents.
37. It was the request of Councilman Brewster that both the Planning study and the proposed ordinance re: parking requirements for office buildings be presented to the Council at the same time. It was so directed by the Council.
38. Councilman Wilson commended the Recreation Department for the new Recreation Reporter format.
39. Noise complaints re: the American Racing Company on Monterey Street were reported by Mayor Miller who provided a petition protesting same. This matter is currently being investigated, per Building and Safety Director McKinnon, and an updated report will be forthcoming.

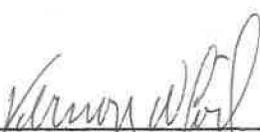
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At 9:20 P.M., the Council recessed for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, and returned at 9:35 P.M. to take the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the request of the City Attorney for the retention of Mr. Robert Anderson, at the rate of \$80 per hour, plus reasonable expenses, not to exceed \$12,000, for the purpose of the Ogo litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

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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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