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Adjourned at 11:16 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, October 4, 1977, at 5:30 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:

Sr. Administrative Assistant Payne led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Mr. Ray Babb, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

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A colorful and dramatic invitation -- by way of music and wildly costumed Cabrillo representatives -- to attend the festivities honoring Juan Cabrillo on Saturday, October 8th, at San Pedro, was extended all present.

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STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of August 16, August 23 and August 30, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

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demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Ad Hoc - Downtown Torrance:

Reported on October 3rd meeting and the status of deliberations to this point.

Transportation Committee:

Will next meet on October 6th at 5:00 P.M. re: avigation easements.

Ad Hoc - Housing:

Will meet on October 5th at 4:30 P.M.

PROCLAMATIONS:

8. LIONS CLUBS OF TORRANCE WHITE CANE DAYS - October 7-8, 1977.
9. LIONS WORLD SERVICE DAY - October 8, 1977.
10. NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - October 9-15, 1977.
11. BAHA'I WEEK - October 19-24, 1977.
12. TORRANCE PTA MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT WEEK - October 3-7, 1977.
13. UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN MONTH - October, 1977.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC WORKS:

14. PROPOSED VACATION OF 191ST STREET WEST OF INGLEWOOD AVENUE.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION
OF 191ST STREET WEST OF INGLEWOOD AVENUE
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-192. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

It was the request of City Engineer Weaver that Section 2 of Resolution No. 77-192 be revised to state: "That said portion of 191st Street is hereby vacated and abandoned." There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Roll call vote on Resolution No. 77-192, as above amended, was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION re: Amendment to Assessment Engineers Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, INC. FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE AGREEMENT TO PATRICK N. ROSSETTI

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-193. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT FIRST YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS LISTED IN ACTION PLAN.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That \$205,000 be appropriated from 2107 Gas Tax Funds to cover the estimated costs of implementing the subject 4 First Year Projects.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. LIABILITY INSURANCE PACKAGE FOR 1977-78.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the City Council:

1. Reconsider its action of September 20, 1977, and approve a \$500,000 self-insured retention with Admiral Insurance Company and First State Insurance Company bound for coverage from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 at a premium cost of \$136,843;
2. Confirm the binders for insurance coverage as shown above from \$1,000,000 to \$20,000,000 at the premium costs listed; and
3. Increase the liability insurance reserves to \$320,944 for fiscal year 1977-78.

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

18. WATER RATE INCREASE.

Staff presentations were provided by Water System Manager Borgwat and Administrative Specialist Schaich.

Mr. Neil Casey, Mobil Oil Corporation, in a prepared statement (of official record) reviewed the proposed water increase and the impact thereof. Specifically noted was the fact that large water

users have alternate methods of obtaining water -- "Can the City afford the loss of large customers which contribute over \$200,000 to cover overhead costs?"

Council discussion ensued. It was the ultimate consensus that there was need for further Staff input pertaining to alternatives were there no rate increase; reduced operating expenditures; water supply projections; capital improvement priorities; etc. Ultimate action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to refer Item #18 to the Public Works Committee for review and recommendation, to be returned to the Council as quickly as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 7:10 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (Judge Nutter was in attendance), and returned to its agenda at 7:55 P.M.

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MANPOWER MATTERS:

19. 1978 ALLOCATION FOR TITLE I OF COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body:

1. Adopt the proposed allocation of CETA Title I funds for FY 1978, and
2. Approve the proposed distribution of Title I funds among the various program components as detailed on the subject chart.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-194

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 TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-194. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-195

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 CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AND AERO-CRAFT HYDRAULICS, INC.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-195. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. RESOLUTION re: CETA Contracts.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-196

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 SUBGRANTS AND CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING CONSULTANTS, INC., AND LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROGRAMS UNDER TITLE I OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-196. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

23. RESOLUTION re: Grant Fund application - Roberti-Z'berg Urban Open Space and Recreation Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE ROBERTI-Z'BERG URBAN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PROGRAM

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-197. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

24. RESOLUTION re: Sister City Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1977-78

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-198. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

25. REPLACEMENT OF ROOFS - Old Fire Station No. 3 and Tillim Center.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARK AND RECREATION/
DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:

That your Honorable Body approve the change order in the amount of \$3740 for reroofing of the old Fire Station No. 3 and Herma Tillim Senior Citizen Center.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

26. RESOLUTION setting compensation for Legal Technician.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH COMPENSATION FOR LEGAL TECHNICIAN

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-199. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

27. ORDINANCE re: Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding - TPOA.

ORDINANCE NO. 2787

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF PART VIII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Councilman Wilson moved to approve Ordinance No. 2787 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

See Page 12.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION - March, 1978.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

1. That precincts for the General Municipal Election be consolidated on a two-to-one ratio (with a few exceptions;
2. That the City pay the following fees to election officers and polling place owners: \$29 for Inspectors, \$24 for Judges and Clerks and \$25 for Polling Places;
3. That the City Council authorize the use of the County's automatic voting devices for the 1978 General Municipal Election;
4. That the polls be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.;
5. That the City Council authorize the Self-Mailer Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet and to not provide the "other materials" mailing; and
6. That the City Council approve an English only voter information pamphlet with a statement stating all information contained will be mailed upon request.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

30. ORDINANCE NO. 2785.

ORDINANCE NO. 2785

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (c) TO SECTION 17.73.4 DEALING WITH PREMIUM PAY ASSIGNMENTS TO PART VII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2785 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. ORDINANCE NO. 2786.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF

PART V OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOY-
MENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1117 (AFSCME)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. ~~275~~ at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by ~~Councilman~~ Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

32. V 75-5, SALVATION ARMY. Request for time extension on Conditional Use Permit approved by City Council rather than a Variance for the construction of a church and community service facility on property located at the northwest corner of Emerald and Earl Streets.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the ~~request~~ request for subject time extension. The motion was seconded by ~~Councilman~~ Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

33. D 77-15, HOMER H. and EVELYN M. SCHOOLEY. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of request to divide to two parcels property in the R-1 zone located at 2550 El Dorado Street. DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

The proponent's request for continuance was noted.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to grant the request for continuance to October 25, 1977. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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34. CUP 77-44, LUDWIG F. KEEHN. Appeal of request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction and operation of a golf driving and training range in the A-1 zone on property located approximately 200 feet south of Torrance Boulevard and 120 feet west of Palos Verdes Boulevard, known as Bishop Montgomery High School drainage sump. APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH CONDITIONS.

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 Assistant Sawa, the Mayor invited comments from the audience, with note of the fact that this case had been appealed by the City Manager on behalf of neighboring homeowners.

Representing Southwood Homeowners Association, Mr. Bob Farrow noted petition of protest, of record, and also read aloud their communication, also of record, which detailed their objections and concerns regarding the proposed golf range.

Mrs. Virginia Jenkins, 21217 Palos Verdes Boulevard, reaffirmed her strong objections, of record, per her communication of August 29, 1977. Additional questions posed by Mrs. Jenkins were: will not homeowners insurance rates be increased, and can part of a residential property be used for a commercial driveway?

Mr. Bill Urack, vice principal, Bishop Montgomery High School, advised that they are opposed to the proposed development for the following reasons: (1) Since the school is contiguous to the sump and approximately 1500 students, faculty and parents are on the property every day, and many evenings of the school year, this project could prove a major personal safety hazard; (2) the nearness of this project could cause various types of damage to the school facility; (3) the closeness of this project and associated activities - parking, clubhouse, putting greens, etc. - would be distracting to the students and the faculty and make the educational process more difficult; (4) more traffic congestion would be created; and (5) the subjects of location and use of easements, locations and heights of fences, noise levels, and pedestrian, vehicle traffic around and possibly through the school property are concerns of the school.

It was further stated by Mr. Urack, regarding the easement on Torrance Boulevard, that the archbishop of the archdiocese is owner of some 9 feet of that property. Staff investigation of this matter was requested by Mayor Miller.

The proponent, Mr. Ludwig Keehn, reviewed the circumstances surrounding the purchase of the residential property at this location, the reason being that it will permit him to efficiently

supervise the golf operation -- a further consideration was the alleviation of traffic at the tip of the lot. Mr. Keehn also reported on his research of the property title and his understanding that the church does own approximately an 8 ft. strip of the 20 ft. easement -- however, this 8 ft. by 120 ft. strip is an unusable piece of land, and to have it brought up at this time is merely an attempt to defeat the proposed project, per Mr. Keehn.

Mr. Keehn also responded to the objections voiced -- this venture was intended as a "nice recreation thing", and it is his serious intention to work harmoniously with the adjacent neighbors, recognizing their reluctance to accept change and development. Mr. Keehn indicated his willingness to meet with homeowner and church representatives in this matter.

It was the consensus of the Council that this case should be held for further Staff review and input. Discussed were the problems of lighting, stray golf balls, noise from pickup equipment, etc. Councilman Brewster recommended the setting up of a temporary light standard, practice driving demonstrations, and a vehicle noise test. Staff will follow through with appropriate tests.

Formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to hold Item #34, CUP 77-44, to the Council meeting of October 25th, a 7:00 P.M. meeting, to permit further Staff review and input back to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

It was the added comment of Councilman Wilson that there should be information from Staff regarding the feasibility of this site for City recreation activities -- further, there should be more specific information pertaining to landscaping and beautification of the area, as well as information regarding the revenues which will be generated for the City. Consideration of alternative forms of lighting was requested by Councilman Brown.

Speaking at this time, Mr. Manny Peralta, a very young member of the audience, reported on the animals who headquarter in the sump and the necessary purposes they serve. He was also concerned about the possibility of increased traffic accidents because of the easement access.

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

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35. CUP 77-46 and CUP 73-53, THOMAS K. FITZPATRICK. Appeal of a Planning Commission approved Conditional Use Permit and approved modification for a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction and expansion of an existing shopping center located at the southeast corner of 238th Street and Los Codona Avenue. APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION WITH CONDITIONS. (Appealed by Councilwoman Geissert on behalf of homeowners.) An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed, there being no objections.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and following Staff presentation by Planning Assistant Sawa, invited comments from the audience.

Mrs. Maganni, 23808 Audrey, presented a petition bearing some 75 signatures from Audrey and Ocean Avenue residents protesting the increased traffic, the loss of the trees, noise, overdevelopment, pollution, etc.

Voicing like objections were: Mr. R.S. Collins, 23818 Audrey; Mrs. Lorna Rubenstein, 23830 Audrey; and Mr. Don Barlome, 23802 Audrey.

The proponent, Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick, reviewed the above comments, with specific note of the fact that the trees are in the street and that their fate will be decided by the Engineering Department's street plan, as will the development of 238th Street. Mr. Fitzpatrick also advised that he had learned just today that access to Los Codona will not be necessary to meet Fire Department requirements.

It was the ultimate consensus of the Council that this item should be returned to Staff for further review with the proponent and homeowner representatives.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue Item #35 for two weeks, to the Council meeting of October 18th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. CUP 68-15, RAMI RODRIQUEZ, dba Mi Casita Cafe. Appeal of Planning Commission revocation of a Conditional Use Permit granted in 1968 to allow the operation of a liquor establishment without the service of food on property located at 24650 Crenshaw Boulevard. Revocation due to insufficient parking and lack of agreement for joint use of parking facilities in the area.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject hearing.

The request of Attorney John Palenko for a 3-week postponement was noted, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the requested postponement and to hold Item #36 to the Council meeting

of October 25, 1977. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ITEM #28 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The hour being 10:05, the Council recessed for an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages and working conditions. They returned at 10:20 P.M., and took the following action.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2788

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION 75-242 AND ADDING A NEW PART XVI TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR TORRANCE LIBRARY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2788 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Further action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney that there be a payment to Ray Watt Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$6000. in settlement of a claim, to be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for District 81, and payment to Kral D.G. Construction Company in settlement of their claim in the amount of \$1575.00 above the contract price. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

37. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON AIRPORT MASTER PLAN.

- A. REVISED AIRPORT MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE of supplemental reports and continued Financial Element.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with Schedule A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- B. AIRPORT MASTER PLAN CIRCULATION ELEMENT - Supplemental report on Airport Drive.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. That Airport Drive be constructed through, between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madison Street;
2. That the proposed access to Pacific Coast Highway near Madison Street be eliminated.
3. That left-turn egress be prohibited from Airport Drive to Madison Street.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing, and, following Staff presentation by Sr. C.E. Assistant Grosse, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. William Ogg, 2706 Portobella Street, expressed disapproval of the DMJM recommendations; noted short cut routes now being taken by commercial people; and indicated his opposition to such short cuts, increased signalization, etc.

Mrs. Betty Sanders, Torrance Pilots Association, reviewed their recommendations, of record.

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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ROUTINE MATTERS:

38. MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE LIBRARY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve the renewal of the contract with West Coast Organization Plan to provide our Library's magazine subscription requirements in the amount of \$15,311 for 1977-78.

39. HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA STORM DRAIN CONSTRUCTION (PHASE I) ACTION PLAN PROJECT NO. 21 - DESIGN APPROPRIATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$10,000 be appropriated from the Drainage Improvement Fund for design of Project No. 21 of the ACTION PLAN - Phase 1 construction of Hollywood Riviera storm drain.

40. IMPROVEMENT OF SKYPARK DRIVE - MADISON STREET TO GARNIER STREET (Project No. 1 in ACTION PLAN).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That \$170,000 be appropriated from 2107 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced project.
2. That the ACTION PLAN be modified accordingly.
3. That \$20,000 be appropriated from the Airport Fund for the Airport's share of the work.

41. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR CONTINUED LEASE OF POLICE WANT/WARRANT EQUIPMENT.

Re: Change to Harris Data Communications
Ref. Contract #C-1558
Annual Expenditure: \$12,520.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/

CHIEF OF POLICE: That Council approve the renewal of the contract for this Want/Warrant System Leased Equipment with

Harris Data Communications for another year
expenditure for this leased equipment \$1,045.40
per month, or \$12,546.80 per year (This represents
the same price as last year.)

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with Staff
recommendations on agenda items #38, 39, 40 and #41. His motion
was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unani-
mously favorable. (Councilmembers Brewster and Geissert abstained
on Item #39 in that they reside in the Project Area.)

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At 11:00 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the
Redevelopment Agency, returning at 11:01 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. Councilwoman Geissert reviewed recent Channel 7 news
coverage re:alleged inhumane treatment of animals at the
Humane Society Facility in Hawthorne, with note of the fact
that part of Torrance's contract with the Humane Society is
for services rendered at the Hawthorne shelter.

It was the request of Mrs. Geissert that Staff formally
request documentation of these charges by Channel 7, and that
this documentation then be transmitted to the District Attorney
for his evaluation and possible investigation. The District
Attorney's report would then provide basis for clearance of the
charges, suggestions for remedial action, or reconsideration of
the City's contract. There were no objections, and it was so
ordered.

43. Councilman Wilson reported the request of Larry Reed
(automobile agency at 190th and Hawthorne)that the City ask
the County for median breaks at this location.

44. Councilman Wilson requested a Staff report re: housing
the Civil Air Patrol on the Airport.

45. A communication requesting removal of palm trees in parkways
on Via los Miradores was referred to Staff by Mayor Miller.

46. Mr. Clark Kugler, Muerer Engineering, requested favorable
consideration re: the Final Map for Tract 32854. City Engineer
Weaver advised that routine procedures have not yet been
completed, and that this matter will appear on the October 11th
Council agenda.

47. Mr. William Ogg, 2706 Portobella, noted the absence of
markings on parked vehicles at the Airport; also noted was his
confusion pertaining to current signs at the Airport and his
disapproval of the pressure now building at the Airport because
of "watchdog" tactics. Clarification was provided by Airport
Manager Critchfield.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:16 P.M.

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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City Council
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APPROVED:

Ben Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil
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