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Adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Ava Cripe
Minute SecretaryCity Council
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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, November 1, 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: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, Deputy City Attorney Freeman, City Clerk Coil and Acting Deputy City Clerk Nelson. Absent: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Brian Gauthier led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Gordon Dalby, Seaside Community Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Public Works:

Will next meet on November 3rd at 3:30 P.M.

Ad Hoc - Oil:

Next meeting scheduled for November 3rd at 5:30 P.M.

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Finance Committee:

Quarterly Budget Review - November 10th at 5:30 P.M.

8. POSTPONEMENTS - None.

PRESENTATION:

9. SOUTH BAY CORRIDOR STUDY PHASE II REPORT.

Dr. E.S. Diamant, consultant, provided an informative report on the South Bay Corridor Study, Phase II. Dr. Diamant also presented each Councilmember with a cloth bound copy of the Phase II Report. Councilman Rossberg commended the efforts in this matter.

PROCLAMATIONS:

10. NATIONAL AMERICAN PRODUCTION & INVENTORY CONTROL WEEK - November 2-4, 1977.
11. NATIONAL REACT MONTH - November, 1977.
12. LOVE AMERICA WEEK - November 6-12, 1977.
- 12A. ROSE TOURNAMENT DAY - November 6, 1977.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC WORKS:

13. RESOLUTION re: Acceptance of Offer to Dedicate a Portion of Skypark Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES THE FUTURE STREET SHOWN ON PARCEL MAP NO. 1974 AND NAMING SAID STREET "SKYPARK DRIVE"

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-220. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14. RESOLUTIONS re: Proposed Vacations of 205th Street west of Gramercy Place and the Public Utility and Planting Easements adjacent thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF CERTAIN NON-USED PUBLIC UTILITY AND PLANTING EASEMENTS ADJACENT TO 205TH STREET WEST OF GRAMERCY PLACE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-221. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF
A PORTION OF 205TH STREET IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-222. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION re: Supplemental Agreement to Contract with
Ultrasystems, Inc. - Great Lakes Waterflood EIR.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-223

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 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ULTRASYSTEMS,
INC., TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL WORK TO BE DONE
ON THE GREAT LAKES CARBON EIR DUE TO REVISION
OF THE PROJECT AND TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT
THEREFOR

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-223. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

16. RESOLUTION re: Reimbursement from Street Lighting District
No. 17 to Torrance Unified School District for Cost of
Street Lighting on Victor Street at West High School.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-224

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 OF TORRANCE AND THE
TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR STREET
LIGHTING ON VICTOR STREET AT WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-224. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. RESOLUTION re: South Bay Corridor Study Phase III.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BAY CITIES

(ENUMERATED IN SAID AGREEMENT), THE CITY
OF LOS ANGELES, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF PHASE III
(IMPLEMENTATION) OF THE SOUTH BAY CORRIDOR
STUDY

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-225. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

18. RESOLUTION re: Water Rate Adjustments and Revised Rate Structure.

Withdrawn.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-226

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 CENTURY SHOWER DOOR COMPANY

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-226. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. ORDINANCE re: Sewer Maintenance Leader; Swimming Pool Maintainer; Senior Tree Trimmer.

ORDINANCE NO. 2791

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 EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 1117 (AFSCME)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2791 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

21. CUP 77-46 and CUP 73-53, Thomas K. Fitzpatrick.

Held for advertised hour of 6:00 P.M. - See Page 6.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

- 22. 1977-78 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM (B77-11).

Held for advertised hearing hour - See below.

ADDENDUM ITEM:

- 23. TORRANCE MOUNTED POSSE - Lease Agreement - Del Amo Boulevard Right-of-Way, east of Maple Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Approval of Lease "B" and adoption of subject Resolution.

Staff presentation was provided by Assistant City Manager Scharfman. Council discussion was directed to the lease cancellation clause, it being agreed that 90 days written notice would be preferable to 30 days.

MOTION: Mayor Miller moved to adopt Lease A, as amended (90 days written notice). The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LEASE DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1977 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TORRANCE MOUNTED POSSE, A NON-PROFIT CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-227. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to:

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

- 22. 1977-78 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM (B77-11).

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

City Engineer Weaver reported on the desired clarification provided Mr. Albert Levitt regarding a leased parcel and his direction to "go ahead" -- further, there are other letters indicating the property owners will be doing their own work, and these properties will be exempted from the final notice confirming the assessment. It was also noted by Mr. Weaver that three notices were returned because of no forwarding address.

The Affidavit of Mailing was presented by Acting Deputy City Clerk Nelson. Councilman Armstrong moved that it be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard.

A resident at 3025 Oakwood Lane described the problems of Country Hills Estates properties by way of the planting provided by the developer. City Engineer Weaver stated that he would meet with these residents in an effort to alleviate this problem, and recommended that these properties not be exempted at this time -- hopefully, a solution can be achieved before the Contractor arrives at this area. The Council concurred with this recommendation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCT-
ING THE CONTRACTOR TO ABATE THE NUISANCE
LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTIES IN
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN
RESOLUTION NO. 77-211

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-228. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 6:25 P.M., the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 6:26 P.M.

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HEARINGS - PLANNING:

21. CUP 77-46 and CUP 73-53, THOMAS K. FITZPATRICK. Appeal of a Planning Commission approved Conditional Use Permit and approved modification of 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.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the continued public hearing in this matter. Planning Director Shartle reported on the October 24th meeting with the applicant, neighbors and Staff which resulted in a new alternative - "Exhibit E" - satisfactory to all concerned.

Mayor Miller then invited comments from the audience.

Ms. Illona Rubenstein, 23830 Audrey Avenue, requested that specimen trees, 10' to 15' high, be planted, and that a

minimum of 28 such trees be planted. The proponent, Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick, indicated concurrence with Ms. Rubenstein's request, as well as with all Staff conditions.

Ms. Kit MacAnanny, 23808 Audrey Avenue, inquired regarding the specific types of trees to be planted. Mr. Fitzpatrick advised that this would be left up to his landscape architect, and that there would be cooperation with the neighborhood.

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

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to approve CUP 77-46 and CUP 73-53, subject to Staff conditions 1,2,4-9,11,13-21, and the above noted stipulations by the proponent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Pending Litigation.

See Page 8.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. Assistant City Manager Scharfman provided a Status Report re: the South Bay County Formation Commission activities, and requested Council action on the November 1, 1977 report, of record.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the Staff recommendations:

1. Authorize the South Bay County Formation Commission to meet at Room 251, Thursday, November 10, 1977.
2. Direct the City Manager to notify all Torrance Homeowners Associations, civic and business groups of the upcoming meeting.
3. Direct that Staff return to your Honorable Body on November 8 with a more detailed plan outlining how the City Council could, on a regular basis, consider and develop recommendations regarding important issues concerning the South Bay Formation Commission's deliberations.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. Councilman Armstrong requested an update on the Energy Conservation Report and Narbonne Water District problems.

27. Congratulations were extended Mrs. Rachel Meyer - "Southwood Homeowner Citizen of the Year" - by Councilman Brewster.

28. Councilwoman Geissert reviewed recent lot splits on Via el Chico, with one by one review by the Environmental Review Board -- in the opinion of Mrs. Geissert, there are significant environmental impacts if the cumulative effect is taken into account. Further, there are still a number of vacant lots remaining on that street, and it was her recommendation that there be Staff review of this situation, with such report on the Council agenda as soon as possible.

Councilman Brown so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

29. Mr. Alvin Smithart, 22620 Ocean Avenue, reported his problems regarding property on Bluff Street. The problems were deemed most complex, and Councilman Armstrong MOVED that the subject matter be referred to Staff, to be brought back in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ITEM #24 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:10 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session re: Pending Litigation, returning at 7:15 P.M. to take the following action:

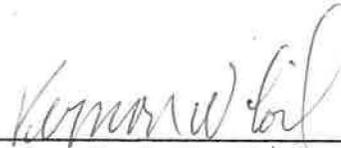
RESOLUTION NO. 77-229

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 MUTUAL TERMINATION OF LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND TEXACO, INC.

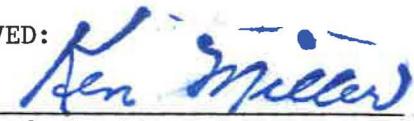
Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-229. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:17 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