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30. Councilwoman Geissert re: cancellation of Ad Hoc South Bay County Committee meeting 11

Adjourned at 9:15 P.M. in memory of
Mrs. Kay Kling.

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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 15, 1977, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 7:25 P.M. It was necessary for Councilman Brown to leave the meeting at 9:07 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Librarian West led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Gordon Dalbey, Seaside Community Church, provided the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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Councilwoman Geissert announced, with deep regret, the passing of Mrs. Kay Kling, Finance Department secretary, on November 12th -- "a loyal City employee and a stout supporter of the rights of her fellow-workers" -- and requested that this meeting be adjourned in her memory.

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7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:Park, Recreation and Community Development:

Will meet with School Board representatives on November 17th at 4:00 P.M.

POSTPONEMENTS /WITHDRAWALS:Item #11 - Sears /Del Amo Center Proposed Reader Board

Sign: Held for one week, at the request of the proponent.

Item #13 - Sale of City property on Newton Street:

Proponent Alvin Smithart has requested that this item be withdrawn. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

PROCLAMATION:8. BIBLE WEEK - November 20-27, 1977.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

PUBLIC WORKS:9. IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD - Maricopa Street to Carson Street.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That \$75,000 in 2106 Gas Tax Funds be appropriated for the referenced project.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur in the above recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Wilson.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mayor Miller (property owner in subject area).

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Councilman Brewster (had not yet arrived at the meeting).

10. RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR WESTERN AVENUE BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the subject resolution authorizing and directing execution of the accompanying agreement be adopted.
2. That \$30,000 in County Aid-to-Cities funds be appropriated for the referenced project.
3. That the ACTION PLAN be modified as shown on the excerpts therefrom.
4. That the subject resolution consenting to establishment of Western Avenue as a part of the system of highways of the County of Los Angeles be adopted.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned numbers and read titles to the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 77-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR WESTERN AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD

Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-234. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

RESOLUTION NO. 77-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF WESTERN AVENUE WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, and for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-235. Her motion ^{was} seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

BUILDING STRUCTURE AND SIGNS:

11. STATUS OF SEARS /DEL AMO CENTER PROPOSED READER BOARD SIGN.

Held for one week - See Page 2.

REAL PROPERTY:

12. DOWNTOWN TORRANCE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONCURRING IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN TORRANCE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT ESTABLISHED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-236. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Questions posed by Mrs. Barbara Honeycutt, on behalf of Mrs. Rachel Meyer, were answered by Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion to adopt Resolution No. 77-236 carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brown, Geissert,
Rossberg, Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: ~~Mayor Miller~~.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (had not yet
arrived at the meeting).

RESOLUTION NO. 77-237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALLING FOR THE FORMATION OF A PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE DOWNTOWN TORRANCE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES THEREFOR

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-237. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

13. SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ON NEWTON STREET.

Withdrawn - See Page 2.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

14. RESOLUTION re: Award of Contract to Design and Prepare Specifications for a Permanent Aircraft Noise Monitoring System.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND J.J. VAN HOUTEN AND ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN OF A PERMANENT AIRCRAFT NOISE MONITORING SYSTEM

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-238. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that an amount not to exceed \$5,500 (from the previously appropriated and currently available \$70,000 of Airport Retained Earnings) be allocated for the provision of acoustical consulting services by J.J. Van Houten and Associates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:15. APPROPRIATION FOR RELOCATION OF AIRPORT SECURITY FENCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT COMMISSION: That \$5,000 from the Special Aviation Fund (annual subvention) and \$11,200 from Airport Retained Earnings be appropriated to meet the total cost of \$16,200 for relocation of the Airport security fence and construction of a rolling gate to be included in the contract for improvement of Skypark Drive.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

16. RESOLUTION re: Bicycle Grant.RESOLUTION NO. 77-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY FOR BICYCLE FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER SB-821 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BIKEWAY ALONG MADRONA AVENUE AND MADISON STREET BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-239. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve the appropriation of \$3,000 from the Bicycle Transportation Fund for the planning and engineering and design of the above bikeway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

MANPOWER MATTERS:17. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Programs.RESOLUTION NO. 77-240

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 CAPITOL METALS, INC. AND TOOKER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-240. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

18. RESOLUTION re: CETA Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-241

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 TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS UNDER TITLE I OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-241; his motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

19. ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION - Finance Department Revenue Division.

City Manager Ferraro advised that there has been a request from TCEA and AFSCME, Local #1117, to hold this item until all interested parties can be present, a request concurred in by Mr. Ferraro.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Miller that this item be referred to the Civil Service Committee. Councilman Brown so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brewster had not yet arrived at the meeting).

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

See Page 10.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

21. BID AWARD - Re: Replumbing all water lines at Fire Station #1 Expenditure: \$32,855.00 Ref. Bid #B77-59

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND SAFETY:

That the low bidder, Gil Montano, Inc., be awarded the contract to replumb Fire Station No. 1 in the total amount of \$32,855, including applicable taxes, and the other bid be rejected.

That the amount of \$16,355 be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve for this work. Together with \$16,500 previously budgeted for a portion of the project, adequate funding will then be provided.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

22. RESOLUTION granting PP 77-23, Dr. and Mrs. John Keddington.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT
606 VIA LOS MIRADORES
(PP 77-23, Dr. and Mrs. John Keddington)

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-242. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brown, Geissert,
Wilson; Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (not yet at meeting).

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

23. D 77-27, HENRY AND MEREDITH FINK.

Considered later in the meeting - See Page 9.

APPEALS - PLANNING:

24. W 76-13, T-Y NURSERY. Appeal of Planning Commission decision to deny the reconsideration of a Waiver request for reduced setbacks to allow structures and soil stockpiling in the Southern California Edison right-of-way south of 190th Street between Entradero and Firmona Avenues. DENIED 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 hearing} in the subject matter, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Associate Danielson and Environmental Officer McElroy, invited comments from the audience.

Representing the proponent, Attorney William McCabe, 17777 Crenshaw Boulevard, reviewed the lengthy history in this matter, the efforts of his client to meet imposed conditions and overall compliance therewith, etc. It would appear, per Mr. McCabe, that there are some people who will not be satisfied so long as the nursery operation is in the area -- yet it is possible to operate in this area in a safe and satisfactory manner to all concerned.

Reiterating complaints of record were: Mr. Jerry Tinney, 5409 Arvada; Mr. Ricardo Real, 5401 Arvada; Ms. Eileen Spear, 19206 Sturgess Drive; and Mrs. Veronica Real, 5401 Arvada.

(Councilman Brewster arrived at this point in the meeting, the hour being 7:25 P.M.)

Speaking in support of the nursery at this location were: Mr. John Sarpolis, 5501 Arvada; Mr. David Marsden, 5531 Halison; Mr. Rex Melton; and Mrs. Downing, 5309 Arvada.

Mr. McCabe returned to respond to comments of the foregoing speakers and to reiterate that every effort has been made by his client to comply with the requirements of the City.

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

The history of complaints, starting in 1973, was recited by Environmental Officer McElroy, as were repeated efforts to effectuate necessary controls in the areas of erosion, dust, noise, etc. -- while tremendous strides have been made, problems are still evident, per Mrs. McElroy.

Council discussion ensued, with concern expressed regarding apparent existent violations from an environmental aspect -- odors, insects, drainage, dust, etc. It was stated by Councilman Armstrong that the present use is an appropriate one for this unique kind of property, but not with the above noted detrimental environmental impacts.

Council action is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to grant W 76-13, subject to all conditions of September 7, 1977 being complied with by December 15, 1977; further subject to compliance of Environmental Division conditions of record -- it being the direction of the Council that in the event of non-compliance that the City Prosecutor take this matter to court. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Discussion resumed, prior to roll call vote on the motion. A preference for a 90-day continuance was indicated by Mayor Miller, in that this would permit the proponent to accomplish the desired compliance. Concurrence with continuance was expressed by Councilwoman Geissert who offered a SUBSTITUTE MOTION: That Item #24 be continued for 90 days. The substitute motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Geissert; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brown, Rossberg,
Wilson.

The MAIN MOTION carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brown, Rossberg,
Wilson.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert; Mayor Miller.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (not present for the
entire hearing).

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ITEM #20 - EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:18 P.M., the Council recessed for the purpose of an Executive Session regarding hours, wages and working conditions. They returned to their agenda at 8:40 P.M.

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The Council now returned to:

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

23. D 77-27, HENRY AND MEREDITH FINK. Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a petition to divide to two parcels property in the R-1 zone located at 3916 Newton Street. DENIED 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.

The proponent, Mrs. Meredith Fink, was present to request approval of the subject lot split -- Mrs. Fink described the development difficulties of this property, the heavy tax load, the compatibility of the proposed residence, etc. It was the suggestion of Councilwoman Geissert that Mrs. Fink confer with her neighbors to the end that there might be a united presentation for overall development of the area.

Mayor Miller commented on the fact that a lot the size requested (3500 sq. ft.) has never been granted in the City of Torrance; the Mayor would concur with the above recommendation of land consolidation. Staff consideration re: R-2 with a Precise Plan Overlay zoning for these type lots was suggested by Councilman Brewster.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for DENIAL of D 77-27. His motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, "yes" being for denial.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

25. PURCHASE OF NEW SCRIPTOMATIC MACHINE.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF PARK AND RECREATION/RECREATION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR/BUYER: That your Honorable Body approve the expenditure of \$2412 from the Recreation Activities Account for the purchase of a new Scriptomatic Machine.

26. EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE:

That Council approve the purchase of one Acme Visible Card File and that an appropriation of \$6000 for such purchase be from the Contingency Reserve of the General Fund. This recommendation to take next to low bid is predicated on the 25% more file space than the low bid and only a difference of \$200 in cost.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #25 and #26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 9:05 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 9:07 P.M.

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(Councilman Brown left the meeting at this point.)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. Mayor Miller requested an excused absence for Councilman Brown who will be on vacation during the Council meetings of November 29th and December 6th. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

28. City Manager Ferraro reviewed forthcoming deliberations by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and noted the need for City of Torrance representation on the Sub-regional Advisory Group. It was the direction of the Council that Environmental Quality Administrator Godfrey so serve.

29. City Manager Ferraro noted the need to reschedule the resolution to adopt the Airport Master Plan to December 6th; all interested parties will be so notified. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Considered by the Council at this time:

ITEM #20 - EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Hours, Wages and Working Conditions.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2792

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING SECTION 17.64.1
OF PART VI, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH
EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

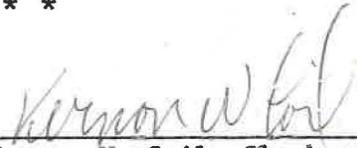
Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2792 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Absent: Councilman Brown).

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the Reserve for Sick Leave Cash Outs and appropriate same to the current 1977-78 general operating budget for sick leave cash outs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

30. Councilwoman Geissert reported on the schedule of the South Bay County Formation Commission which necessitates the cancellation of the November 17th Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

At 9:15 P.M., Councilwoman Geissert moved to adjourn this meeting in memory of Mrs. Kay Kling. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Brown absent).

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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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