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Adjourned at 8:16 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, December 6, 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:

Environmental Quality Administrator Godfrey led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was provided by Mr. Eldon H. Morgan, president, North Torrance Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 1977 and October 25, 1977, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Charter Review Committee:

Met on December 5th -- will meet again on December 8th at 4:30 P.M.

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HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - 1977 Airport Master Plan.
Held for advertised hour of 6:00 P.M. See Page 4.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

9. RESOLUTION re: 1977 California Airport Aid Program Grant Application. Noise Monitoring Equipment
Heard later in the meeting - See Page 5.

PUBLIC WORKS:

10. MECHANICAL REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM PROPOSAL.

RECOMMENDATION OF STREET MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT:
That this proposal for a pilot program be referred to your Public Works Committee for its consideration and evaluation.

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Street Maintenance Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Skypark Drive from Madison Street to Garnier Street (B77-63)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:
That the contract be awarded to Nelson & Belding Contracting Corporation and all other bids be rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-249

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 CAL STEREO, INC. AND CONVERT-A-VAN, INC.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-249. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Rossberg, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

13. ORDINANCE re: Park Equipment Operator.

ORDINANCE NO. 2795

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. 2795 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

14. RESOLUTION re: Revised Agreement for Spanish Translator - 1978 General Municipal Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A REVISED AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 5, 1977 BETWEEN SAID CITY AND PEDRO DUELO FOR SPANISH TRANSLATION SERVICES ARISING OUT OF THE MARCH 7, 1978 TORRANCE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-250. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. OIL BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MERGER.

ORDINANCE NO. 2796

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH CREATED THE OIL BOARD; AMENDING ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 1 OF SAID CODE TO CONFER THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OIL BOARD ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION; AND ADDING SECTION 97.1.6 TO SAID CODE TO REFLECT SUCH TRANSFER OF POWERS AND DUTIES

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2796 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council now returned to:

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - 1977 Airport Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION/AIRPORT MANAGER: That your Honorable Body adopt the subject Resolution formally adopting the 1977 Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan for the Torrance Municipal Airport; lifting the moratorium on leasing and development; and instruct Staff to proceed with execution of the Plan.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject Continued Public Hearing. Specifically noted was the revised Item #4 of the Resolution which now states: "The Staff is instructed to proceed with implementation of those elements of the Plan which have been adopted, provided, however, with regard to the issue of Nav aids, the City Manager is hereby directed to further study the technical and operational feasibility of their installation, and make a report thereon to the City Council prior to final approval by the City Council of each specific landing aid." (Further revision - see below **).

The concern of the Riviera Homeowners Association regarding Nav aids was reviewed by Mayor Miller, and it was the Mayor's recommendation that the questions posed by this group be referred to the FAA for response and clarification before Council action on Nav aids, with this matter to be returned in two weeks. It was further felt by Mayor Miller that the Master Plan should not be delayed, and that action be taken on that this date, minus reference to Nav aids. General concurrence with this procedure was indicated by the Council.

**It was ultimately agreed that Item #4 remain as originally stated - "The Staff is instructed to proceed with implementation of those elements of the Plan which have been adopted." -- and that a section d) be added to Item 2 which states: "Nav aids".

Speakers were as follows:

Mrs. Betty Sanders, Torrance Pilots Association: Reaffirmed their position of record favoring Nav aids, and requested that the Council not adopt the Master Plan in its present form.

Mr. James R. Matheson, 25908 Matfield: Spoke against the Airport Master Plan; the Airport users were not consulted, and adequate facilities have not been provided.

Mr. Bernie Hollander, 22959-B Nadine Circle: Deemed the entire Master Plan vulnerable legally because of the inadequacies of the EIR -- the noise will not be curtailed with the present Master Plan and Noise Ordinance, and homeowners will continue to work to mitigate the objectionable features of the present aircraft operation.

Mr. Tom Nosek, Riviera Homeowners Association: Indicated concurrence with the amendment to the Resolution re: the Navaid's study.

Mr. John deGroot, 22859-B Nadine Street: Navaid's will only increase flights at the Airport.

Mr. Lee Dolley, City of Lomita: They continue to believe that the City of Torrance should not pass the Master Plan in its present form in that it will increase the usage of the Airport; further, the EIR is inadequate.

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, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE 1977 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, LIFTING THE MORATORIUM ON LEASING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND INSTRUCTING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-251, as above amended, with the direction that the matter of the Navaid's be returned to the Council in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

9. RESOLUTION re: Noise Monitoring Equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA AIRPORT AID PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF PERMANENT NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-252. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, the following comments were offered:

Mr. James R. Matheson: Reviewed recent meetings regarding this matter, and the apparent need for additional input to the Airport Commission.

Mr. John DeGroot: Recommended adherence to voluntary compliance.

Mrs. Betty Sanders: Questioned the economic feasibility of purchasing equipment which might be obsolete.

Mrs. Alice McGuire, Riviera Homeowners Association: This Association would like one of the noise monitors on the hill section.

Mr. Lee Dolley, City of Lomita: They would support a portable noise monitoring system, without a great expenditure of money for a permanent noise monitoring system. (The high cost of maintaining a portable system was reviewed by Building and Safety Director McKinnon).

Mr. Chuck Belba, City of Lomita: A portable monitoring system would be preferable, in his opinion.

Roll call vote on Councilman Brown's motion to adopt Resolution No. 77-252 was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:10 P.M., a 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Miller.

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16. SOUTH BAY COUNTY.RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE RE: SOUTH BAY COUNTY:

1. The Formation Review Commission be urged to utilize existent, readily available socio-economic data as might be of assistance in the Commission's factfinding role. Furthermore, the Commission should be urged to not spend extensive time nor monies gathering additional such data. Particularly it is requested that the Commission not embark on any data gathering program that would put in jeopardy their March 1978 deadline for submission of their final report.
2. The City take no further action regarding the El Camino College facility and its possible inclusion in the proposed County unless and until the College Board of Trustees takes such a position.
3. Strongly reaffirm to the Commission that the June 1978 ballot contain only the question of creation of the County and election of the five member Board of Supervisors.
4. That as the Commission sets its several hearings it
 - a. Hold all such hearings in the evening;
 - b. Provide ample notice and advertising throughout the area;
 - c. Hold as many as possible of the hearings in the proposed South Bay County area.

In addition to the above described items which will be discussed by the Formation Review Commission at their December 8th meeting, your Committee requests that Staff generate the necessary data so that consideration may be given to preparing the recommendation regarding supervisorial district boundaries. It is the Committee's intent that such data be gathered in the next several weeks, be reviewed by the Committee and a recommendation submitted to your Honorable Body.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved that the above recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee re: South Bay County be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong.

Mrs. Rachel Meyer, speaking as a citizen and as a member of the South Bay County Study Committee, indicated opposition to the so called Socio-Economic Impact Study being included in the Commission's determinations -- one reason being the time element.

Roll call vote on Councilwoman Geissert's motion was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:17. ORDINANCE NO. 2794.ORDINANCE NO. 2794

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.63.2

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OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD
THE CLASS TITLE AND SALARY OF STRUCTURAL
PLANS EXAMINER

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2794 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

18. ORDINANCE re: ZC 77-6, Torrance Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 2797

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 SOUTH SIDE OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD BETWEEN
CASIMIR AND VAN NESS AVENUES AND DESCRIBED
IN ZONE CHANGE 77-6
(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2797 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster, Brown, Wilson;
Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rossberg (for reasons of record).
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert (not present
at hearing).

19. ORDINANCE re: ZC 76-11, Carriage Real Estate Group, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 2798

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 SOUTH SIDE OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD BETWEEN
CASIMIR AND VAN NESS AVENUES AND DESCRIBED
IN ZONE CHANGE 76-11
(Carriage Real Estate Group, Inc.)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2798 at its first reading. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

20. RESOLUTION granting Shortcut Variance 77-7, William B. Piercy, III.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AS APPLIED FOR BY WILLIAM B. PIERCY, III, IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 77-7

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 77-253. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

21. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE.

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, with note of the recommendation of the City Attorney that the hearing be continued to January 3, 1978.

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

ROUTINE MATTERS:

22. PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT "SPECIAL" POLICE VEHICLES.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF:

That Council approve of the following:

1. The outright purchase of two existing leased vehicles from Peyton Cramer Leasing, Inc. in the total buy-out price of \$3,093.12 and \$3,210.00 respectively for the expressed purpose of resale of subject vehicles with resultant sales amount to be returned to Equipment Revolving Fund.
 2. The purchase of two replacement used vehicles from Cal Worthington Ford in the total amount of \$2,597.00 and \$3,551.00 including tax (\$6,148.00 total), with funding to be from:
 - a. remaining lease car payments budgeted on outright purchased vehicles; and
 - b. Council appropriating \$2,286.81 from Equipment Revolving Fund. Funds are available in the Equipment Revolving Fund.
23. AWARD OF CONTRACT for budgeted Roll-Over Protection and Safety Devices.
 Ref: Bid #B77-69
 Expenditure: \$15,240.72

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That City Council accept the low bid submitted by Burris Enterprises dba Bell Roll Cage Systems, and approve of the awarding of a contract to them for this required equipment in the total amount of \$15,240.72, including sales tax.

- 24. PURCHASE OF COPPER PIPE - Ref. Bid B77-70.
Expenditure: \$14,364.06

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That the City take advantage of the current low copper prices and accept the low bid submitted by Todd Pipe and Supply, and approve of the award of a purchase order contract to them, in the total amount of \$14,364.06, including sales tax.

- 25. PURCHASE OF DUCTILE IRON PIPE - Ref. Bid B77-68
Expenditure: \$19,294.12

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council accept the low bid submitted by U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company, and approve of the award of a purchase order contract to them in the total amount of \$19,294.12, including sales tax.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #22, 23, 24, and #25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 7:45 P.M., the Council recessed, and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:46 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. Councilwoman Geissert requested appropriate recognition for the efforts of the Sisters of Little Company of Mary Hospital on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

27. Representing AYSO, Messrs. Hans Sterling and Dave Stroll requested Council consideration re: the basing of a soccer team in the City of Torrance. The Mayor referred this matter to Staff to ascertain what can be done to help in the implementation of such a program

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The hour being 8:00 P.M., the Council recessed for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

The Council returned at 8:15 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to appropriate \$15,000.00; on recommendation of City Attorney, from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve for settlement of equal employment opportunities lawsuit (Julie Thomas). The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the
City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance