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Adjourned at 9:10 P.M. to January 31, 1978, 4:45 P.M.

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, January 24, 1978, at 7:00 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:

Director of Transportation Horkay led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend Bellamy, South Bay Church of God.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None available.

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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Transportation Committee:

January 25th meeting has been rescheduled for February 9th at 5:00 P.M.

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Civil Service Committee:

Will next meet on January 26th at 5:00 P.M.

Finance Committee:

Midyear Budget Review on February 2nd at 5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS:

8. LAFCO Application requesting detachment from Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 13.

RECOMMENDATION OF WATER SYSTEM MANAGER:

That your Honorable Body approve the submittal of the LAFCO application.

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

9. RESOLUTION re: Hollywood Riviera Storm Drain, Phase I.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-17

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 J.H. EDWARDS COMPANY, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES - HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA STORM DRAINS, PHASE I

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-17. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

10. TORRANCE FASHION WAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Considered later in the meeting - See Page 6.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

11. RESOLUTION re: Minimum Wage Raise (Older Worker and PREP Program Participants).

RESOLUTION NO. 78-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES FOR OLDER WORKER AND PREP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-19. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

12. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CRIMINAL RECORD DISTRIBUTION ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2805

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 14.1.46 TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO PRESERVE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION USED FOR PERSONNEL SELECTION PURPOSES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2805 at its first reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing Destruction of Obsolete Records.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. RESOLUTION authorizing Destruction of Obsolete Records.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-21. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2803.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.104.2 OF PART X OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH RETIREMENT PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2803 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2804.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.44.2 OF PART IV OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DEALING WITH RETIREMENT PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2804 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

17. ZC 77-14, Ralph H. Catalano and An C. Hulstyn.

18. GPA 77-7, Ralph H. Catalano and An C. Hulstyn.

Heard later in the meeting - See Page 6.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

19. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body approve a contract under Title I of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act for an On-The-Job Training Program with Larry Reec, Inc.

20. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED - Modification of the Traffic Signalization at Carson Street and Madrona Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the work be accepted as performed by Phoenix Electrical Service Company under City Bid No. B77-12 and that final payment be made to the contractor.

21. AWARD OF COOPERATIVE CONTRACT for Traffic Control Signals and Related Hardware.

Ref.: Los Angeles County Cooperative Contract #37100
Annual Expenditure: \$120,000.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

In accordance with the City of Torrance Purchasing Ordinance covering "Cooperative Purchase Agreements", it is recommended that the Council approve of the awarding of an annual contract to Econolite Corporation in accordance with the terms and conditions of L.A. County Agreement #37100 in the total amount of \$120,000.00 to cover our anticipated requirements.

22. PURCHASE OF 7 SURPLUS NEW BUS BRAKE RETARDERS from City of Norwalk. Expenditure: \$5936.00

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of Torrance bidding the minimum bid amount of \$800.00 per unit (plus sales tax) for seven of these units from the City of Norwalk in the total amount of \$5600.00, plus sales tax (or \$5936.00).

23. PURCHASE OF PARAMEDIC LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council authorize the purchase of this equipment without the normal bid process as follows:

1. That an award be made to the Medical Communications Instrument Company for the purchase of the Bio-Phone System in the total amount of \$5532.00, including tax.
2. That an award be made to the Phisio-Control Company for the purchase of the Life-Pak 5 System in the total amount of \$6366.36, including tax.

24. ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED - Installation of the traffic signal on Crenshaw Boulevard at Crest Road.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

That the work be accepted as performed by Phoenix Electrical Service Company under City Bid No. B77-28, and that final payment be made to the contractor.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and #24. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unani- mously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. Chairwoman Shelbourn, Planning Commission, reviewed the newly instituted practice of Commission representation at the Council meetings, and requested Council input regarding this practice. It was the consensus of the Council that such attendance was extremely helpful and that it should be continued, at the convenience of the Commission.

26. Mayor Miller noted the request for an excused absence from the Water Commission meeting of January 26th by Commissioners Dishon and Lindborg. Councilman Armstrong so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and there were no objections.

27. Councilman Armstrong commended Councilman Brewster and Staff members on their successful efforts in Sacramento in the attainment of a noise monitoring grant for the Airport. Councilman Brewster provided a further report and expressed appreciation to Staff for their valuable contributions.

It was the request of Councilman Brown that Staff investigate options for additional noise monitoring stations for the airport

noise monitor network, as well as possibilities of participation by surrounding cities.

28. Councilman Rossberg requested a Staff report regarding the water supply status as a result of the recent rainfall.

29. Staff note of communication from Mr. and Mrs. Snyder regarding the needs of Torrance Adult Senior Citizen quarters was requested by Councilman Wilson.

30. Councilman Wilson requested Council consideration regarding the use of the Nike Site by the Civil Air Patrol -- Staff will report back on this matter as a regular agenda item.

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The hour being 7:41 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, which included an Executive Session pertaining to the Torrance Fashion Way Redevelopment Project. The Council returned to its agenda at 8:36 P.M.

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Considered at this time:

FISCAL MATTERS:

10. TORRANCE FASHION WAY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue agenda item #10 for two weeks, pending report from legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

17. ZC 77-14, RALPH H. CATALANO and AN C. HULSTYN. Request for change of zone from R-2 to R-P on property located at 2575, 2573, 2571 and 2567 Carson Street. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING STAFF.

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, Ms. An Hulstyn, 957 Calle Miramar, reaffirmed comments made at the Planning Commission meeting relative to "island zoning" -- their main interest is the best use of the land, and this is represented by their proposed development.

Mr. Ed Greene, 3205 Onrado Street, president, Madrona Home Owners Association, indicated opposition to the proposed professional buildings for reasons of traffic, the piecemeal development aspect, moderate cost housing needs, etc.

Concerns regarding parking and traffic were voiced by Mrs. Charles Eaker, 1633 Date Avenue.

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.

Council discussion ensued. The background history of the area was provided by Mayor Miller; also reviewed was the varied development on Carson, the established R-2 trend, the Carson Street Improvement, etc.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the Planning Commission for DENIAL of ZC 77-14. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Brewster, Brown,
Geissert, Rossberg; Mayor Miller.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson (would prefer Staff study).

It was noted that there is currently in process a Staff study of the subject area.

18. GPA 77-7, RALPH CATALANO AND AN C. HULSTYN. Request for approval of an amendment to the Land Use Element of the General Plan of the City of Torrance from Low Medium Density Residential to Professional Office Use on property located at 2575, 2573, 2571 and 2567 Carson Street. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING STAFF.

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 inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to concur with the Planning Commission for DENIAL of GPA 77-7. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

Items 19-24 - Considered earlier in the meeting - See Page 4.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Items 25-30 - Heard earlier in the meeting - See Page 5.

At 9:10 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to Tuesday, January 31, 1978, at 4:45 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance