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Adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCILOPENING CEREMONIES:1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 1978, at 4:45 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brown, Geissert, Rossberg and Mayor Miller. Councilman Brewster arrived at 5:05 P.M.; Councilman Wilson, at 5:15 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:

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

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Bellamy, South Bay Church of God, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 1977 and January 3, 1978, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Brewster and Wilson had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:Legislative Liaison:

Will meet on February 1st at 4:30 P.M.

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Finance Committee:

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

Park, Recreation and Community Development:

Will meet on February 3rd at 4:00 P.M.

Ad Hoc Oil:

Meeting scheduled for February 3rd at 5:00 P.M.

FISCAL MATTERS:8. PRE 1978-79 BUDGET WORKSHOP.

City Manager Ferraro provided an informative presentation regarding the 1978-79 Budget.

Council discussion encompassed: possible impacts of the Jarvis Amendment, if enacted; open space commitments; establishment of priorities; department head input; presentation of possible options for property tax rate reduction; employee responsibility for achievement of goals; alternative revenue sources; the merits of a "line item budget"; the need for greater elaboration on transfer payments between departments; second or third year impacts in the event the Jarvis Amendment is successful; stronger role in legislative advocacy; a true grid system for the bus service; overall satisfaction with the City's progress; etc.

Appreciation for the foregoing input was expressed by City Manager Ferraro.

PUBLIC WORKS:9. RESOLUTION re:Improvement of Redondo Beach Boulevard.RESOLUTION NO. 78-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PORTIONS OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD AND PRAIRIE AVENUE WITHIN SAID CITY AS A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-22. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. RESOLUTION re: Proposed Vacation of "Old" Prairie Avenue adjacent to Lot 41, La Fresa Tract.RESOLUTION NO. 78-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF "OLD" PRAIRIE AVENUE ADJACENT TO LOT 41, LA FRESA TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-23. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

11. RESOLUTION re: Amendment to Consultant's Agreement for Engineering Services - Crenshaw/Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe grade separation project.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MOFFATT AND NICHOL, ENGINEERS, FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES - CRENSHAW/ ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-24. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

12. RESOLUTION re: partial assignment of Airport Hangar Lease. (Hangar No. 8, located at 2743 "O" Airport Drive)

RESOLUTION NO. 78-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF HANGAR LEASE (HANGAR SITE NO. 8)
DATED _____
FROM JAMES A. WHITE AND MAXINE M. WHITE TO
CHARLES A. PETTIT

Councilman Brown moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-25; his motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

13. RESOLUTION authorizing 3rd Year of South Bay Burglary Team Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH BAY CHIEFS OF POLICE

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-26. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

14. REQUEST OF SOUTHWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE for Waiver of Performance Bond - Sunnyglen Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION/STAFF:

That your Honorable Body authorize the Staff to amend the license agreement with Southwood Little League waiving the performance bond and substituting a \$1,000.00 cash bond to be deposited with the City Treasurer.

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2805.

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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

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2805 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. RESOLUTION re: Grant Agreement with South Bay Youth Service Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE SOUTH BAY YOUTH SERVICE CENTER, INC. FOR THE GRANT OF FUNDS FOR BUILDING REMODELING AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE YOUTH CENTER'S NORTH TORRANCE FACILITY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-27. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the recommendation of Councilman Brown, concurred in by the Council, that the lease contain a requirement of "continued occupancy", in addition to that of "continued service". City Attorney Remelmeyer will so amend the lease.

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

17. REPEALING OF THE R-H ZONE FROM THE MUNICIPAL CODE DUE TO OBSOLESCENCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION/PLANNING STAFF:

That the R-H zone be repealed from the Municipal Code due to its obsolescence.

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 Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

There being no one 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.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Staff. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

18. REQUEST OF WILMINGTON CAB COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA dba UNITED CHECKER CAB COMPANY TO OPERATE 5 TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

RECOMMENDATION OF LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

That the license be issued for five taxicabs and the proposed rate schedule be approved, subject to conditions of record.

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 Finance Director Dundore, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Gerald Walker, 5008 Newton, president, Fasco Investments dba Yellow Cab Company, related certain recent events which indicated, in his opinion, unfair competition on the part of the Wilmington Cab Company in the City of Torrance.

Mr. John Goss, vice president, United Checker Cab Company, responded to the foregoing comments with note of driver discipline practices and that "we are a good company and we want to stay legal".

Other speakers were: Mr. Gary Roberts, 3510 Emerald Street, Yellow Cab driver, who reported his knowledge of unauthorized driver pickups; and Mr. Walter Flowers, 1960 Harriman, Redondo Beach, who advised that United Checker Cab Company had serviced the customers based on telephone calls received.

At the request of Councilwoman Geissert, clarification was provided by Messrs. Walker and Goss regarding the overall operating practices of their companies.

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 Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to DENY the recommendation of the License Review Board without prejudice on the grounds that there is no evidence that the traffic and demand is such to warrant a second franchise. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Brown: That this matter be referred back to the License Review Board for reconsideration re: license fees and what type system can be adopted. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

19. APPEAL OF ROSA WILSON TO HAVE NON-INDUSTRIAL RETIREMENT CHANGED TO INDUSTRIAL RETIREMENT.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject hearing, and reported the events in this matter to date.

Mr. Larry Rosenberg represented Ms. Rosa Wilson; Assistant to the City Manager Jackson spoke on behalf of the City.

On conclusion of the above presentations, Council discussion ensued. It was the finding of Councilman Brown, concurred in by the Council, that there was a serious need for the entire medical history in this matter, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Brown moved that the matter of the subject appeal be referred back to the Hearing Officer for a joinder with other matters that are pending and that the entire question of Ms. Wilson's disability be returned to the Council as a package, to be considered in light of all the circumstances. Further, that Item #19 be continued to the Council meeting of February 28, 1978. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

20. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING CONTRACTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body approve On-The-Job Training Contracts with Lee's Tire Company, Max Tek, Inc., and Barrington Manufacturing, Inc., and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

21. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING CONTRACTS.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANPOWER PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR:

That your Honorable Body approve an On-The-Job Training Contract with Poly Disc Systems, Inc., and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same on behalf of the City of Torrance.

22. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR MANPOWER PROGRAMS SPECIALIST.

RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

That the City Council formally adopt the revised class specification for Manpower Programs Administrator.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #20, 21, and 22. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. RELEASE OF BOND - Tract No. 33001.

Held for one week, at the request of City Engineer Weaver.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

24. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.

RECOMMENDATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE:

That the City Council approve the proposed Planning Department reorganization as reflected in Attachment No. 1, of record.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

25. RESOLUTION re: YCCIP Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES FOR
YCCIP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-28. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:35 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 7:37 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

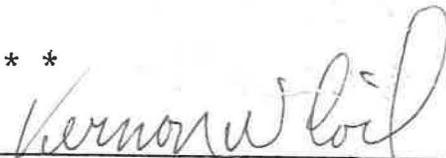
26. Councilman Brown requested a Staff report regarding the new County Regional Planning Master Plan and possible impact on the City of Torrance.

27. Councilwoman Geissert reviewed the recent meeting of the South Bay County Formation Commission, with specific note of the outstanding efforts of Assistant to the City Manager Greg Meyer in the activities of this Commission.

28. A status report regarding Cable TV was requested by Councilwoman Geissert.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:45 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

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