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Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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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, February 14, 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:

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

4. INVOCATION:

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Reverend William D. Smith, First Pentecostal Church.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Brown moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 1978, 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 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.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Ad Hoc - Oil:

Met this date; report forthcoming.

PRESENTATIONS:8. PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING COMMISSIONERS:

In appreciation and recognition of their service to the City of Torrance, Mayor Miller presented tile plaques to Messrs. Alan Mandell, Robert Haag and Douglas Stenhouse -- there was grateful acceptance by each of these gentlemen.

9. RESOLUTION re: Sister Lions Clubs.RESOLUTION NO. 78-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING THE KASHIWA-CHUO LIONS CLUB OF JAPAN AND THE NORTH TORRANCE LIONS CLUB OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AS SISTER LIONS CLUBS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-32. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

10. DONATION OF AMERICAN FLAG BY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

On behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Sandy and Mrs. Pinkerton presented an American Flag to the City of Torrance to be used in the new Artesia Boulevard Recreation Center -- appreciation for this generous gift was conveyed by Mayor Miller.

PROCLAMATIONS:11. HUMAN RESOURCES DAY.RECOMMENDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION:

That your Honorable Body:

1. Proclaim Thursday, April 27, 1978, as City of Torrance Human Resources Day.
2. Approve the Human Resources Commission proposed program format to be held on Thursday, April 27, 1978.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Human Resources Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Miller formally proclaimed April 27, 1978 as Human Resources Day.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:12. MEMBERSHIP OF PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE, DOWNTOWN TORRANCE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

That your Honorable Body concur in the appointment of the two new members (Mr. James Giacalone and Mrs. Janice A. Plank) to the Project Area Committee.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Senior Deputy Executive Director, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PUBLIC WORKS:

13. RESOLUTION re: Water Main in Border Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FROM THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A 16-INCH WATER PIPELINE ACROSS AND BENEATH THE RAILROAD TRACKS OF SAID COMPANY AT TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND VAN NESS AVENUE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-33. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

BUILDING STRUCTURE AND SIGNS:

14. SIGN APPEAL - Beverly Hills Federal Savings and Loan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider allowing a directional-type sign of not more than 16 sq. ft. and DENY the request for the 32 sq. ft. sign.

Staff presentation was provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

Representing the proponent, Mr. Harry Stevenson, 14851 Jeffrey Road, Irvine, modified their original sign request and reviewed their need for an entrance sign.

Council discussion was directed to the signing considerations at this site, the existing signing, and the specific needs of the Beverly Hills Savings and Loan. The following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of Staff: to allow an entrance sign of not more than 16 sq. ft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

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FISCAL MATTERS:15. MID-YEAR REVIEW AND REPORT ON 1977-78 BUDGET.RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

That the City Council take the following action:

- a. Concur with administrative staff's recommendation that no budget adjustment be made at this time due to the financial impact the Jarvis Initiative or other property tax measures could have on next year's City finances.
- b. Direct the City Manager to invite community groups and the public to a special pre-budget planning and preparation meeting to obtain community input regarding City programs and services.

A report on the findings of the Finance Committee was provided by Councilwoman Geissert. It was the request of Councilman Brewster that Staff generate some information which would indicate what the elasticity might be in relation to the bus farebox revenues.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Finance Committee. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. RESOLUTION re: Aid-To-Cities Funds.RESOLUTION NO. 78-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF COUNTY AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLERS AT SAN DIEGO FREEWAY RAMPS AND 182ND STREET AND AT CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND 182ND STREET, AND INSTALLATION OF INTERCONNECT ALONG 182ND STREET FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY RAMPS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-34. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:17. 1978 EDITION OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTORY:RECOMMENDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION:

That Council authorize the City's Library Department to publish the 1978 version of the Community Resources Directory in an appropriate format.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Human Resources Commission. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

18. . . ORDINANCE NO. 2806.

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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 AT 1101 CRAVENS AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 77-9
(Home Savings and Loan Association)

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2806 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION approving CUP 77-66, Beach City Mopeds.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A MOPED SALES BUSINESS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4807 TORRANCE BOULEVARD (CUP 77-66, Beach City Mopeds)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-35. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ORDINANCE re: ZC 77-12, Vincent Grant, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 2807

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 AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WASHINGTON STREET AND PLAZA DEL AMO AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 77-12, VINCENT GRANT, INC.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2807 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, 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 hearing).

21. RESOLUTION amending Land Use Element of the General Plan.RESOLUTION NO. 78-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED AUGUST 29, 1974, BY RESOLUTION 74-194, TO REVISE THE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND PLAZA DEL AMO FROM INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL
(GPA 77-6, Vincent Grant, Inc.)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 78-36. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, 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 hearing).

22. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION to abate George's Stables, 4125 Emerald Street in the East Victor Precinct.RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING ASSOCIATE DANIELSON:

That the applicant be given sixty days to complete his negotiations with the Department of Water and Power or proceed with the abatement program. It is further recommended that the following conditions be met:

1. No additional or temporary corrals or horses be allowed upon this property; and
2. That the applicant report to the City's Zoning Enforcement Officer in regard to the status and progression of the stable abatement.

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

HEARINGS - PLANNING:23. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING - Housing and Community Development Block Grant Funds - 1978-79 Program Year.

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 invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Lawrence Gittschier reviewed Downtown Torrance Project Area Committee considerations in this matter, and noted the suggestion of several members that the distinct problems of the Downtown Area should be considered by the Council; therefore, as an advisory statement, it is suggested that a major portion of the Block Grant, ^{be spent} for the rehabilitation of multi-family low income housing located in the Project Area, with another amount allocated to the improvement of water and sewer mains in the area.

Mrs. Olga Thorington, 1504 Madrid, requested, and received, clarification regarding the boundaries of the Downtown Project Area.

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

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the Staff recommendation: That Staff be directed to evaluate all proposals submitted for eligibility and prepare a response and recommendation to the City Council for the meeting of February 21, 1978. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Further consideration re: Item #23 - See Page 8.)

ROUTINE MATTERS:

24. PURCHASE OF POWERED CARD FILE - POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Expenditure: \$6097.28

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

That Council approve of the award of a contract to the Acme Visible Records for the purchase of one Stratomatic Card File in the total amount of \$6097.28, including tax.

25. DISPOSAL OF OLD SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLES VIA AUCTION.

RECOMMENDATION OF PURCHASING SUPERVISOR:

- A. Vehicles in "running condition" and equipment:

Utilize the services of Ken Porter Auction Company with a commission fee of 10% for scheduled sale on February 26, 1978.

- B. "Wrecked" vehicles:

Authorize Purchasing to solicit "sealed bids" from commercial auto wreckers on these vehicles and award to the highest bidder.

26. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Heavy Equipment Hydraulic Hoist.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER/EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

1. That the low bidder, J.N. Equipment Company, be awarded the contract for this equipment in the amount of \$18,917.54, including sales tax.
2. That an additional appropriation of \$2,918.00 be approved from the Equipment Replacement Fund to cover this purchase.

27. FIRE FIGHTERS TURN-OUT CLOTHING.

Considered separately - see below.*

28. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 33001.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the subject Time Certificate of Deposit be released.

29. FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION AND GEOLOGIC-SEISMIC STUDY FOR POLICE FACILITY.RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR:

That the firm of LeRoy Crandall and Associates be hired to perform the foundation investigation and geologic-seismic study work necessary to provide the engineering data necessary for proper foundation and building design. The fee for the work is not to exceed \$2,700 and is available in the existing Police Building Reserve Fund.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated Staff recommendations on agenda items #24, 25, 26, 28 and #29. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- *27. AWARD OF COOPERATIVE CONTRACT with Riverside County for 38 Sets of Fire Fighters Turn-out Clothing.
Ref: County of Riverside Bid #JV-46
Expenditure: \$5,637.08

RECOMMENDATION OF BUYER:

That the Council approve of Torrance co-participating on the Riverside County Bid in an award of a contract to the Lion Uniform, Inc., Janesville Apparel Division, in the amount of \$5,637.08, including sales tax. The contract will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of County of Riverside Bid #JV-46.

Following clarification by Fire Chief Slonecker, Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the Staff recommendation on agenda item #27. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Item #23 - HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS:

At this point in the meeting, it was ascertained that Mrs. Betty Schapira desired to speak on Item #23 - Housing and Community Development Block Grant funds. Accordingly, Councilwoman Geissert MOVED to reopen the hearing on Item #23. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong; roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Betty Schapira, representing California Association of the Physically Handicapped, South Bay Chapter, and Indoor Sports, requested that the City have an ongoing program for the removal of architectural barriers, such as curb cuts, parking spaces and accessible restrooms on Torrance-owned property. It was affirmed by Mayor Miller that it is the intent of the Council and Staff that this program be continued.

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

Councilman Wilson restated his earlier MOTION: To concur with the Staff recommendation. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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The hour being 8:16 P.M., the Council recessed and reconvened as the Redevelopment Agency, returning to its agenda at 8:18 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. Commended by Councilman Armstrong: (1) the response and cooperation displayed by Mobil Oil in dealing with the public as a result of the recent "black snow storm"; (2) the Building and Safety, Street and Water Departments, and all others involved, for their work in the recent storm; and (3) the Edison Company for like efforts during the storm.

Recommended by Councilman Armstrong was reevaluation by Staff of the undergrounding program and the possible acceleration thereof, in view of the recent havoc with power lines throughout the City.

31. Noted by Councilman Armstrong was the recent communication from Congressman Wilson regarding his intent to appeal recent findings re: the Wilson Park fund.

32. It was the request of Councilman Armstrong, concurred in by the Council, that an appropriate resolution be prepared commending retiring Councilman George Brewster for his long record of service to the City of Torrance.

33. Councilman Brewster reported on the historic Lions Club luncheon this date honoring Mayor Miller -- "Citizen of the Year". Mayor Miller expressed appreciation to all who made this such a memorable occasion.

34. Polling place accessibility for the handicapped was reviewed by Councilwoman Geissert -- it was her recommendation that, in future elections, this be a definite consideration in the approval of polling places.

35. Mr. John Karcic, 21110 Wood Avenue, announced that the Danny Thomas Radio Telethon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital is taking place this date -- contributions would be sincerely welcomed.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Sherie L. Nelson
Sherie L. Nelson, Clerk of the
City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

James R. [Signature]
Mayor of the City of Torrance