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Torrance City Council - June 10, 1987

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 1987, at 5:36 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall for purposes of conducting the Second Budget Workshop Session.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Hardison, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert. Councilman Applegate arrived at 5:40 p.m; Councilman Mock, at 5:45 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and Staff representatives.

SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP:

I. INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Geissert announced that the Council had convened for purposes of conducting the second budget workshop session for the 1987-88 Fiscal Year, and extended a warm welcome to all present.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

The Mayor noted that Councilmembers were in receipt of written response from staff to questions posed at the June 8 meeting (first budget workshop).

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III. COMMUNITY INPUT:

A. Human Resources Commission:

Ms. Hope Witkowsky, Chairperson of the Human Resources Commission, requested an additional \$5,000 (total of \$20,000) for the Non-Profit Grant Program, and requested that minute secretarial services be provided for this Commission.

B. Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce:

Mr. Peter Lacombe, Chairman of the Chamber's Major Employers' Council Budget Review Committee, read aloud an official statement, copy of which was submitted for the record. This statement indicated general concurrence with the City Manager's proposed budget as presently conceived.

C. League of Women Voters:

Ms. Lola Ungar, President of the Torrance League of Women Voters, read aloud the League's statement (of official record) dealing principally with the crowded conditions at the Civic Center Library and requesting early action to rectify that situation.

D. Southwood Homeowners Association:

Held - representative not present.

E. Cable Television Advisory Board:

Chairperson of the Cable Television Advisory Board, Ms. Charlotte Lobb, 1843 West 244th Street, (statement of record), addressed on-going concerns of the Advisory Board and recommended an increase in staff and also an increase in staff time for outreach and program development purposes.

City Manager Jackson indicated that a report will be forthcoming in approximately 90 days.

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F. Library Commission:

Ms. Gudrun Kimmel, 22704 Elm Avenue, Chairperson of the Library Commission, urged early attention to expansion of the Civic Center Library, and requested added budgeted funds to cover the cost of existing minute secretarial services to this Commission.

G. Friends of the Torrance Library:

Ms. Teresa Covey, 23525 Leyte Drive, related the Friends' interest in seeing the Civic Center Library expanded -- funding for an architect's study, followed as soon as possible by completion of the basement was urged by this speaker.

Councilman Wirth noted receipt of a memorandum from the City Manager indicating that Library basement expansion will be considered in the Capital Budget to be presented to the Council later in the year. Mr. Wirth requested that Council be provided with information regarding pending legislation which would provide for bond money for library additions, renovations and remodeling.

H. Parks and Recreation Commission:

Mr. Don Lee, 2931 Plaza Del Amo, #34, representing the Parks and Recreation Commission, requested favorable action regarding the hiring of a Theatre Manager and Naturalist. Mr. Lee also urged that consideration be given to budgeting for more park maintenance personnel.

I. Other Groups and Individuals:

The following members of the audience then provided input as indicated.

Ms. Betsey Matthews, 2203 West Carson Street, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Council, advised that increasing fees for senior recreation activities would pose a hardship on that segment of the community.

Mr. Howard Gendall, 4902 Scott Street, requested that there be no increase in fees for seniors.

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Mr. Ken Gaugh, 18206 Taylor Court, President of the Friends of Madrona Marsh, urged approval of the position of Naturalist on a full-time basis.

Mr. Martin Byhower, 1628 Armor Lane (?), Redondo Beach, stated his opinion that the position of a full-time Naturalist for the Marsh is crucial.

Mr. Dick Johnson, 23059A Nadine Circle, suggested consideration of increasing remuneration for members of the City Council.

Mr. Mike Chapman, representing the Downtown Torrance Merchants' Association, requested attention be given to needed curb, gutter, sidewalk, median strip and street repairs in the downtown area.

IV. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Mayor Geissert invited Council comments at this time.

COUNCILMAN WALKER --

OPPOSED:

- Blanket 50% recreation fee increase.

FAVORED:

- Identification Analyst for Police Department [Page 58, Vol II].
- Typist Clerk for City Attorney's office [Page 62, Vol II].
- Vehicle provision for Homeworks Program [Page 76, Vol II].
- Civic Center Library expansion.

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COUNCILMAN APPLGATE --

FAVORED:

- Typist Clerk and Paralegal positions for City Attorney's office.
- Increased fees for Parks and Recreation as proposed.
- Minute Secretarial services for ALL Commissions and advisory groups.

EXPRESSED CONCERNS RE:

- Need for full-time Accountant on Airport leases (City Manager will report back).
- Long-range library needs -- alternative solutions should be studied.

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COUNCILWOMAN HARDISON --

EXPRESSED CONCERNS RE:

- Proposed recreation fee increases.

REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON:

- Breakdown of Commission budgets.
- Temporary or part-time clerical to provide minute secretarial services to Fine Arts and Human Resources Commissions.
- Details regarding status of grounds-keeper needs (oral report provided by Director of Parks and Recreation).

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COUNCILMAN WIRTH --

FAVORED:

- Minute secretarial services for Commissions not now served.

REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION RE:

- Airport auditor.
- Proposed recreation fee increases/need for additional recreation staff in parks.
- Possible two-tiered formula for library meeting room rates.

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COUNCILMAN NAKANO --

REQUESTED INFORMATION RE:

- Efforts of Del Amo Mall operators to increase Mall security.
- Study as to degree of problem created by latchkey children in parks, library and malls.

SUPPORTED:

- Identification Analyst in Police Department.
- Minute secretarial services for Commissions.

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OPPOSED:

- Blanket 50% P&R fee increase.

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COUNCILMAN MOCK --

REQUESTED INFORMATION RE:

- Recreation fees charged by other cities.
- Thorough study re recreation program subsidizing practices in other cities.

FAVORED:

- Increasing grant funds by \$5,000.
- Minute secretarial services for Commissions not so served at this time.

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MAYOR GEISSERT --

SUPPORTED:

- Police Department's Identification Analyst position.
- Vehicular proposal for Homeworks Program.

OPPOSED:

- Increase in recreation fees as proposed.

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Council action was requested by the Mayor at this time, and a series of motions evolved as is indicated below.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to accept the City Manager's recommendation for program enhancements and equipment enhancements for FY 1987-88. His motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve the position of Identification Analyst for the Police Department at a cost of \$20,635 [Page 58, Priority No. 22]. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardison and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve minute secretarial services for the Human Resources Commission [overtime for steno clerks for minutes of those meetings]. Seconded by Councilman Nakano, this motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

It was noted that funds for minute secretarial services for the Fine Arts Commission are presently budgeted.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve the Typist Clerk position for the City Attorney's office together with a Paralegal position for the same office.

It was the general consensus of the Council that this matter should be held until after review with the City Attorney during an executive session. Councilman Walker then WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

MOTION: Councilman Mock moved to increase the grant program by \$5,000. This motion DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

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Continued discussion resulted in the indication by staff that a report will be returned on Monday, June 15, (third budget workshop) involving the tiered approach to Library meeting room charges. The City Manager will also provide options dealing with a reduction in Parks and Recreation fees.

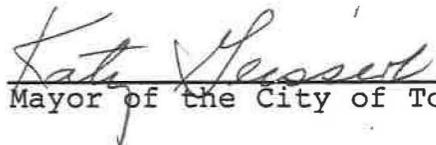
V. CLOSING REMARKS:

It was the consensus of the Council that continued discussion with the City Attorney regarding evaluation of his office (as well as other executive session matters deemed necessary) should be scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 15, 1987, to be immediately followed at 6:30 p.m., by the Council's third budget workshop session.

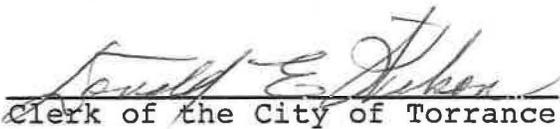
Mayor Geissert announced, for the benefit of the audience, that the third budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 1987, 6:30 p.m.; the first public hearing on the budget will be Tuesday, June 16, 5:30 p.m.; the second public hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.

At 7:35 p.m., this meeting was formally adjourned to 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 15, 1987.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance



Clerk of the City of Torrance

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