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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 Monday, June 15, 1987, at 5:36 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Hardison, Nakano, Walker, Wirth and Mayor Geissert. Councilman Mock arrived at 5:45 p.m., and departed at 7:25 p.m.

Absent: None.

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

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Geissert read the following statement into the record.

The City Council will now recess to closed session for the purpose of evaluating the performance of the City Attorney. Authority for holding an executive session for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Government Code Section 54957.

At 5:38 p.m., the Council recessed to executive session for the above stated purpose, returning at 6:40 p.m. to conduct the third budget workshop session.

[Councilman Mock joined his colleagues at 5:45 p.m.]

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THIRD BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION:

I. INTRODUCTION:

Brief introductory remarks to this third budget workshop were offered by Mayor Geissert.

II. COMMUNITY INPUT:

Mayor Geissert invited input from the audience at this time.

A. SOUTHWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION:

Mr. John Eubanks, 21617 Ladeene Avenue, President of the Southwood Homeowners Association, related general concerns regarding traffic and continuing development with its resultant cumulative impact. Mr. Eubanks also requested and received information regarding the City's sidewalk and tree maintenance program; play equipment at Paradise Park; mall security patrol; and the automobile sales tax structure.

B. OTHER GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS:

None.

III. BUDGET DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS:

A. FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

City Manager Jackson reviewed the written material provided in response to Council requests at the second budget workshop session.

Mr. Jackson addressed the specific areas of concern [per material of record] and, together with Parks and Recreation Director Barnett, provided a detailed analysis of the revised recreational fee structure now before the Council. Proposals for dealing with the anticipated offset were also set forth by the City Manager.

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B. PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS:

Discussion was directed to the City Attorney's request for additional personnel, and the following action was taken.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to propose that the City Attorney's budget be increased to allow for the Paralegal and Clerk Typist positions, adding \$35,418 to the budget. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mock, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The following related motions were then offered.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to remove \$50,000 as a possible "green sheet" reduction from the City Attorney Consultant previously approved by Council. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

Following staff clarification as requested by Councilman Applegate, Councilman Walker WITHDREW the above motion; Councilman Wirth, his second, and action was taken as is shown below.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved that the amount of \$50,000 for the Management Consultant be reallocated to cover two positions for the City Attorney's office: Paralegal and Clerk Typist. This motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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The hour being 7:25 p.m., Councilman Mock departed from the meeting.

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Council action continued as follows.

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MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to approve the sum of \$789.00 for the microfilming of City Council minutes as requested by the City Clerk [memorandum of record]. His motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Mock absent).

MOTION: Councilman Wirth moved to modify the Library meeting room fee schedule as recommended by staff [\$40.00 for non-profit community organizations and \$100.00 for commercial profit-making organizations].

This motion was seconded by Councilman Applegate with the understanding that there are provisions for the waiving of fees if deemed appropriate. Councilman Wirth urged that the City Librarian and his staff exercise flexibility in this regard.

Councilman Wirth's above motion carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Mock absent).

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to recommend the addition of two hose testers for the Fire Department [Page 71, Vol II] at an expenditure of \$1400. This motion was seconded by Councilman Nakano but FAILED TO CARRY as shown by the following roll call vote.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Nakano and Walker.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Hardison, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to adopt the program enhancements as presented. This motion, seconded by Councilman Wirth, carried without objection (Councilman Mock absent).

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MOTION: Councilwoman Hardison moved to adopt the revised Parks and Recreation fee schedule as presented at this meeting. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Nakano, carried as is indicated below:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hardison, Nakano, Wirth and Mayor Geissert.
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate and Walker.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Mock.

Mayor Geissert directed that staff keep the Council informed of the impact of the above fee modifications on community participation. A report in this regard at mid-year budget review was requested by the Mayor.

Discussion turned to the \$250,000 shortfall, and Mayor Geissert, with the general concurrence of the Council, instructed staff to return with a financial plan encompassing various optional funding approaches for consideration and action by the Council.

Councilman Applegate registered his personal opposition to transferring funds from gas tax monies and requested an identification of projects which would be affected by such action.

IV. CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Geissert noted that the first public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 1987, at 5:30 p.m. -- the second hearing is scheduled for June 23, 1987, at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, June 16, 1987, at 5:30 p.m.

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