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Adjourned at 6:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. March 11, 1971

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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, March 10, 1971, at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilman Sciarrotta.

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Girl Scout Troop #2538, Edison School, was present, and one of its members led in the salute to the flag.

4. DISPENSATION WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Councilman Wilson moved to dispense with the regular order of business; his motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

5. PRESENTATION BY BOND ISSUE STEERING COMMITTEE:

- A. Committee Recommendations for meeting certain Capital needs through General Obligation Bonding.
- B. Timing and Method of presenting recommended Bond Issues to Electorate.

The Chairman of the Bond Issue Steering Committee, Mrs. Katy Geissert, presented the Committee's recommendations, as defined in their March 5th and March 9th communications to the Council, a matter of record.

Discussion followed, it being pointed out by City Attorney Remelmeyer that there likely is a need for professional appraisal of the land acquisitions contemplated in this bond measure -- it was Mr. Remelmeyer's recommendation that Council authorize an amount not to exceed \$1000 to cover such appraisals.

6. PRESENTATION BY STAFF:

Assistant City Manager Scharfman outlined the framework for Council deliberations relative to the proposed bond issue -- major considerations are the amount of money and the manner in which it will be presented to the electorate.

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There was review of the time schedule for placing the bond issue on the June 8th ballot and the necessary steps to be taken prior to that date.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon stated that the anticipated amount of land to be acquired will virtually double the present park and building facilities, and that the vast majority of maintenance staff who would take care of such facilities are in the Yard. It is imperative, according to Mr. McKinnon, that there be some place to house the equipment and the people who provide this maintenance -- some improvement at the Yard must be provided if the Park and Recreation program is to be expanded.

It was further pointed out by Mr. McKinnon that the existing buildings at the City Yard do not meet present Building and Fire Codes; they should be brought into compliance.

Director of Recreation Van Bellehem commented that his analysis in the original recommendation included some \$200,000 for additional warehousing and space just for the recreation needs -- a later analysis acknowledged needed expansion of the City Yard.

The possible incorporation of this need in the Park and Recreation bond was considered; it was agreed to resume this consideration at tomorrow's workshop session, along with review of the feasibility of the Fire Station being on the April, 1972 ballot.

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7. ORAL COMMUNICATION RE: ORDINANCE NO. 2206:

Councilman Brewster confirmed the propriety of returning to Item #32 on the March 9th agenda -- City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that this would be in order, this being an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Council.

Concern regarding this item was expressed by Councilman Brewster regarding Councilman Johnson's request for courtesy in extending consideration of Ordinance No. 2206 for one week; Mr. Brewster further stated that while he does not condone the manner in which it appeared before the Council, and, in all honesty, the unlikelihood of his changing his mind on the ordinance is quite certain, he has changed his mind with regard to Councilman Johnson's request for courtesy. Councilman Brewster thereupon MOVED to reconsider. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to rescind the previous action on Ordinance No. 2206. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that his draft previously placed before the Council be considered along with the ordinance approved at the first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber; there were no objections and it was so ordered (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

At 6:30 P.M. Councilman Wilson moved to adjourn to 4:30 P.M. Thursday, March 11, 1971. Motion seconded by Councilman Brewster; approval unanimous.

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*Vernon W. Coil*

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

APPROVE:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance