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4:00 P.M.

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Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 17, 1971, at 4:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: Assistant City Manager Scharfman, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil, Finance Director Dundore, Assistant Finance Director Rankin, and Budget Officer Ng.

3. 1971-72 BUDGET:

At the request of Mayor Miller, formal Staff presentations were made by Assistant City Manager Scharfman, Finance Director Dundore, and Budget Officer Ng, with verbal and visual clarification of the 1971-72 Budget.

Mayor Miller commended Staff on the outstanding job in presenting a budget with a mere 9/10 of 1% increase, and deemed it an incredible accomplishment for these times.

The Mayor then invited any comments pertaining to the deletions in the budget. Police Chief Nash stated that a large percentage of the budget cuts were from the Police Department, with some \$140,000 removed from their budget -- Assistant City Manager Scharfman stated that further review would be necessary; however, a brief glance indicates that \$40,000^{was} allocated to a radio console replacement in the Police Department, and while deleted from their request, was placed in the Communications budget.

The fact that approximately \$7,000 has been budgeted for utilities for the Central Library, with \$15,000 being a more realistic figure, was pointed out by City Librarian West with the prediction that there likely would be problems with this figure. Mayor Miller deemed this a matter best resolved by Management and Staff.

Planning Director Shartle advised the Council that the cuts effected by him would considerably curtail the Goals Program at a time when this program was accelerating.

Discussion followed on the extensive cuts made by the department heads, and the Council appreciation thereof -- Building and Safety Director McKinnon clarified that great happiness about this situation does not prevail; people and services have been cut, and it will affect the operation of the City. The cuts have been made by all, and so be it, but if there is a break-through by one, it will open

the door for like requests from all, according to Mr. McKinnon. Mayor Miller acknowledged understanding of this, and reiterated appreciation of Staff's role in this austere budget.

City Traffic Engineer Horkay commented that the cuts made by him will eliminate the ability to staff parades, along with other demands made of his department throughout the year.

It was reported by Assistant City Manager Scharfman that the following revisions have been made in regard to certain vacant positions: Sanitation Department, Light Equipment Operator changed to Refuseman; Street Department, Light Equipment Operator reduced to Semi-skilled Laborer; and City Clerk's Office, Senior Typist Clerk revised to Intermediate Typist Clerk.

Council discussion was now directed to Revenues for the 1971-72 Budget, and the Finance Committee communication of June 17th, with recommendations pertaining thereto.

There was lengthy consideration of the proposed change to a gross receipts business license tax, with additional information to be furnished for the June 18th meeting.

Representatives of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce were present and indicated that their formal presentation would be made on June 18th.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:55 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to Friday, June 18th, at 4:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Brewster).

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

Ken Miller
Mayor of the City of Torrance