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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSIONS

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City Council
Budget Workshops

June 13, 1983

BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 1

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Monday, June 13, 1983, at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Torrance City Hall, for Budget Workshop No. 1.

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

I. FLAG SALUTE:

Civil Service Administrator Ghio led in the salute to the flag.

II. INTRODUCTION:

All present were welcomed by Mayor Armstrong -- the budgetary process was reviewed, as was the format for Budget Workshop Session No. 1 and forthcoming sessions.

III. STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

Formal Staff presentations were provided by City Manager Jackson, encompassing the budget process, the proposed budget and recommended program enhancements; and by Revenue Administrator Murdoch who provided an update on revenue sources and revenue concerns.

IV. COUNCIL ACTION:

City Manager Jackson provided a Budget Summary, and invited Council input.

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Specifically requested was further information pertaining to: use of Recreation Leader for preparation of lunch for Senior Citizens; cost information re: exercise equipment for Fire Department as related to reduction in back injuries.

Mayor Armstrong invited comments from 1736 House representatives at this time.

1736 House President, Lance Widman, introduced Executive Director, Dr. Joan Kalvelage, who first expressed appreciation for the continuing support of the City of Torrance, and then described the extensive community efforts of this organization as related to the Juvenile Diversion program. Continued financial assistance from the City was requested by Dr. Kalvelage. Written information pertaining to the funding aspect was requested by Councilman Rossberg. It was the desire of Councilman Applegate that the percentage of use and support of other cities also be contained in the report.

Next to speak was Mr. Gary Bess, Executive Director, South Bay Clinic, who requested Council consideration of an appropriation of funds for the Clinic in order that the valuable community services may be continued. These services were described at length by Mr. Bess. It was the request of Mayor Armstrong that further information be provided regarding percentage of service and support, etc.

There were no other speakers.

It was the recommendation of City Manager Jackson that Budget Workshop No. 2 encompass the following elements of the budget -- expenditures, revenues, reserves, requests of community groups and possible additions to the budget. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that Principal Management Assistant Keane review the matter of some sort of structure for "seed money" for a certain number of social agencies in a particular year, and report back to the Council.

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V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Mayor Armstrong, the Council convened in an Executive Session, the hour being 5:30 P.M. The Council returned at 6:00 P.M. No action was taken.

The meeting was regularly adjourned, at 6:00 P.M., to Tuesday, June 14, 1983, at 7:00 P.M. for the Regular Meeting of the City Council.

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BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 2

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MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Monday, June 20, 1983, at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Torrance City Hall, for Budget Workshop No. 2.

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

I. FLAG SALUTE:

City Treasurer Rupert led in the salute to the flag.

II. INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Armstrong provided a status report on the budget presentations, and invited community input.

III. STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations were provided by City Manager Jackson and Revenue Administrator Murdoch.

IV. CITIZEN REQUESTS:

Specifically noted by Mayor Armstrong was communication received this date from Mrs. Vicki Palarito which applauds the "Adventure" program.

Representing the Southwood Homeowners Association, Mrs. Rachel Meyer conveyed the recommendations of this organization relative to the 1983-84 budget, per written communication, of record.

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The next speaker was Ms. Cindi Hammond, President, League of Women Voters. The League, per prepared statement, of record, urged "that the image of the City of Torrance not be neglected."

Mr. Lance Widman, President, Friends of 1736 House, reaffirmed the valuable community contributions of this organization and the need for Council support. Ms. Pat Whitehead, Administrative Liaison, 1736 Project, expanded on the highly qualified service of this Project, and the acute need for continued support.

Representing the South Bay Free Clinic, Executive Director Gary Bess outlined the role of the Clinic in the community, per communication of June 16, 1983, of record.

Mrs. Dee Hardison, Parks and Recreation Commission, restated the request of the Commission that the Council approve the shared funding between the City and the School District for a handicapped swim program. Mr. Bill Boden, representing the School District, commended the subject program and the sharing of funds, noting that the District would fund the full cost of the swim program, if necessary.

Representing the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mr. Harvey Horwich reported on the outstanding success of the "Adventure" program, and requested permission to start a parallel program in another area of the City. This additional program, per Mr. Horwich, would accommodate another 20-24 children with learning disabilities, all of whom would be from Torrance families -- the cost would be less than \$8500.00 for the entire year. Continued Council support was requested.

Mrs. Vicki Palarito, 5227 Emerald Street, restated the extreme value of the "Adventure" program to her daughter, per communication of record.

Mr. Elmer Bliedestel, 22806 Fonthill, stated that the "Adventure" program is very effective and most worthwhile -- hopefully, it will be supported by the Council.

Mr. Don McDunna, 3933 West 178th Street, joined in praise of the "Adventure" program, based on his son's association with the program -- all associated with this activity are to be commended.

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Mr. Bob Lemway, President, Torrance Area Youth Band, expressed appreciation for the Council's ongoing support for the band -- it is hoped that this support will continue by way of the requested increase in funds.

On behalf of the Senior Citizens' Council, Mr. Ursel Nolte requested approval of the requested assistance re: the hot lunch program at Bartlett Center.

The last speaker was Jerry Terrill, President, Torrance Fire Fighters Association, who urged that the Council consider approval of the exercise equipment for the Fire Department.

V. BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Council discussion was directed to the restrictive aspects of the 1983-84 budget from a financial standpoint; the needs of the community, particularly the handicapped; the value of the "Adventure" and handicapped swimming programs; etc.

It was the request of Councilwoman Geissert that Staff prepare a summary re: the transient lodging tax, comparing Torrance's tax with that of other cities in the immediate area.

Re: Handicapped Swimming Program:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to approve the handicapped swimming program at this time, out of sequence, and appropriate \$982 for same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

General discussion resumed -- consideration included the 1736 Project, South Bay Free Clinic, the Youth Band, the Utility Users' Tax, maintenance of service level and "quality of life" aspects, etc.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:50 P.M. the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 21, 1983, at 5:30 P.M. - for a Regular Meeting of the City Council. The next Budget Workshop was scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 1983, at 4:30 P.M.

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The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 23, 1983, at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Torrance City Hall, for Budget Workshop No. 3.

Present: Councilmembers Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg, Walker, Wilson, Wirth and Mayor Armstrong.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Jackson and Staff representatives.

I. INTRODUCTION.

A review of budget considerations to date was provided by Mayor Armstrong.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

At 4:35 P.M. the Council recessed for an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages and working conditions, returning at 4:40 P.M.

III. BUDGET DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS.

A. Budget Modifications.

1. Transfer of Entire Telephone Program to Information Systems Department.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager re: transfer of entire Telephone Program to Information Systems Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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2. City Treasurer's Revised Program Additions.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

It is the City Manager's recommendation to implement the reallocation of a Typist Clerk position to a Senior Typist Clerk position and offset the cost of the position as proposed by the City Treasurer.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the Account Clerk position for bond maintenance and deferred compensation administration be deferred until the City implements its major bond issue.

REQUEST OF CITY TREASURER:

That the Council approve the following proposed program additions in the office of the City Treasurer for budget year 1983-84: Upgrading of 1 position from Typist Clerk to Senior Typist Clerk and providing for the addition of 1 Account Clerk with the required supplies and equipment to support the position. Funding for the proposed positions can be obtained from sources other than General Fund Revenues, per June 7th communication, of record.

Desired clarification was provided by City Treasurer Rupert.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved to concur with the above stated request of the City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

B. Budget Decisions.

Following discussion, formal action taken by the Council is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved for acceptance in principle of Base Budget to continue current level of service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for acceptance in principle of recommended Program Additions for External Source Funding, Fee Financing and Reallocation of Funds, including the above approved request of the City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

MOTION: Councilman Applegate moved for acceptance in principle the item pertaining to Social and Cultural Therapeutic Recreation for Handicapped Children (the "Adventure" program). The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved for acceptance in principle the proposal for .5 Recreation employee for the purpose of serving hot lunches at the Bartlett Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth.

(Parks and Recreation Director Barnett will report back re: overall function and financial aspects, based on concerns expressed by Councilmen Rossberg and Applegate.)

The motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert, Walker, Wilson,
Wirth; Mayor Armstrong.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Rossberg (not
at this time - they will
wait for report.)

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve in principle the purchase of Exercise Equipment for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wirth, but FAILED TO CARRY, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Walker, Wirth.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Applegate, Geissert, Rossberg;
Wilson; Mayor Armstrong.

Councilman Applegate stated that the reason for his negative vote was that he feels the Fire Department has higher priorities than the subject equipment; Councilman Rossberg concurred.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to approve in principle the single-line dialer for the Fire Department. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND. A "straw vote" indicated that it was the consensus of the Council that this item should be brought back later this year.

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It was the comment of Councilman Wirth at this time that he feels support for the 1736 House is very important, but will await input re: fiscal picture.

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Councilwoman Geissert voiced her concerns regarding the dire need for sidewalk repairs throughout the City, noting as well the need for maintenance crews for new park land, both developed and undeveloped.

Noted by Councilman Applegate was the forthcoming Finance Committee ^{report} proposed water rate increase, etc. City Manager Jackson advised that input re: budget impact will be made available for the June 28th public hearing on the budget.

MOTION: Councilwoman Geissert moved to approve in principle Proposed Fee Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to approve in principle the Proposed Reserves. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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Speaking at this time, Mr. Victor Kilburn, on behalf of the Sister City Association, outlined the financial needs of this organization. A report in this regard will be submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Barnett.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

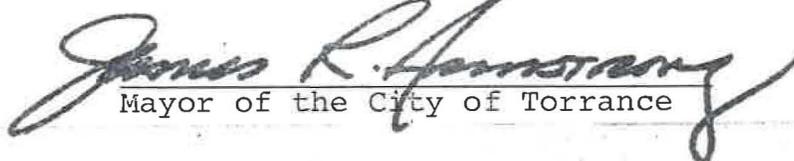
The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:30 P.M. to Tuesday, June 28, 1983, at 5:30 P.M.

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Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance