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Adjourned at 4:45 P.M. to Thursday, June 18, 1970 at  
4:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING - TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Friday, June 12, 1970, at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Brewster, Johnson, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, and Mayor Miller. Councilman Surber arrived at 3:35 P.M.; Councilman Wilson at 4:20 P.M.

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

3. DISPENSATION WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with the regular order of business. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and there were no objections.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION:

Water (Page 245).

Attention returned to this department, with Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson pointing out the long standing problem of standby pay; he requested the elimination of "Emergency Water Repairman", to be replaced by a "Water Service Leadman" for 11 months (instead of 10 months). There were no objections.

Engineering (Page 145).

City Engineer Weaver commented that no additional Staff has been requested; further, less money has been requested this year than was requested last year.

Mr. Weaver further called the attention of the Council to the request for four mobile radios (deleted - Page 261), it being felt that more rapid and responsive service could have been provided had this been approved.

Further noted by City Engineer Weaver was Page vi and the fact that "it is proposed than an additional \$100,000 of State gasoline tax money be transferred to the General Fund..." which will result in that much less accomplishment in street construction projects in 1970-71.

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Mayor Miller reiterated his desire to look at the overall budget picture on completion of the Budget Sessions; the Council was in agreement.

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Traffic and Lighting (Page 159).

The request of City Traffic Engineer Horkay for reclassification of 1 Sr. Engineering Aide to 1 Civil Engineering Draftsman was deemed a matter for Civil Service Commission action.

The proposed program to expand the Communications Systems was described by Communications Electrician Crockett, which will eliminate the outside contract arrangement, and was considered at some length. Mayor Miller moved to concur; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Brewster, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,  
and Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (it will result in a department  
which will mushroom).

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Surber, Wilson.

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(Councilman Surber arrived at this time - 3:35 P.M.)

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Street Department (Page 165).

Street Maintenance Superintendent Kirkruff explained that the requested addition to his budget - a mobile radio - is for the Cement Crews, and described the valuable assistance such a radio will provide.

Sanitation Department (Page 167).

Sanitation Superintendent Atkinson pointed out that this is his seventh consecutive year without a request for additional employees. Also, the proposed increase in the refuse collection fee from \$1.90 to \$2.50 was noted by him.

Library (Page 187).

There was a lengthy clarification by City Librarian West on his department's needs - particularly as affected by the 1970 opening of the Central Library, the personnel and requirements therefor.

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Councilman Johnson comment/that he was not happy about closing the Central Library on Sunday, but will take a "wait and see" attitude for the time being. Mayor Miller acknowledged that much will be learned from experience and that after the library is actually in operation there will be some basis for direction.

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Louis Lanzer urged that library service in the branches on a six-day week be maintained.

Commissioner Claire Crain, speaking for the Library Commission, stated that they have gone on record as being in favor of six days in the branches, with the seventh day in the Central Library, if possible. In view of the interest expressed by the people in Torrance by voting the Library Bond issue 4-to-1, the libraries should be open -- to return to a 5-day week in a backward step, in Mrs. Crain's opinion.

Park Department (Page 215).

Park Superintendent Clemmer reviewed the duties performed and the requirements for his department. The requested upgrading of 1 Tree Trimmer to a Light Equipment Operator was ruled a Civil Service Commission matter by the Council.

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(Councilman Wilson arrived at the meeting at this hour - 4:20 P.M.)

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5. APPROVAL OF SALARY ORDINANCES:

A. PART I - "Salary Grid".

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2090

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART I, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS AND THE "SALARY GRID".

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2090. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 2090 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. PART II - "Torrance Fire Fighters 1138".

Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson advised that there is a rider to the subject ordinance whereby there is objection to the inclusion of the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief in the ordinance. Mr. Jackson asked that Council approval be subject

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to review of the Employee Relations Committee. Captain DeArmitt advised that the Fire Chief could be eliminated, having gone to another bargaining group; there is only one exception, the Deputy Fire Chief.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2091

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART II, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1138, IAFF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2091. His motion, seconded by Mayor Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2091 at its first reading, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto, subject to review of the rider by the Employee Relations Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

C. PART III - "Engineers".

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2092

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART III TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE "ENGINEERS".

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2092. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2092 at its first, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

D. PART IV - "Other Employees".

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2093

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART IV TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Johnson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2093. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2093 at its first reading, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

E. PART V - "Torrance Municipal Employees - AFSCME"

Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson advised that there has been an objection from TCEA relative to the security provision in the subject ordinance. The legal obligation to meet and consult on the matter has been met, and unless the Council desires to change its previous instructions, Mr. Jackson recommended that the Council adopt the ordinance.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2094

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART V TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 1117.

Councilman Wilson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2094. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Johnson moved to approved Ordinance No. 2094 at its first reading, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

F. PART VI - "Torrance City Employees Association".

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 2095

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART VI TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2095. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2095 at its first reading, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

G. PART VII - "Torrance Library Employees Association"

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2096

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART VII TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Johnson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2096. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2096 at its first reading, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

H. PART VIII - "Torrance Police Officers Association"

Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson advised that there is a rider objecting to the inclusion of the Police Chief in this ordinance; it was requested that approval of the ordinance by the Council be subject to review by the Employee Relations Committee.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2097

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART VIII,  
CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE  
MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES  
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE  
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2097. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2097 at its first reading, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto, subject to review by the Employee Relations Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

I. PART IX-- "Recurrent Employees".

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 2098

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART IX,  
CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE  
MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR SEASONAL-  
RECURRENT EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Wilson moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2098. His motion, seconded by Councilman Brewster, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2098 at its first reading, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

J. PART X - "Management Employees".

Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson noted that the subject ordinance includes the Police Chief and the Deputy Fire Chief (the Fire Chief now having been resolved); approval should be subject to review by the Employee Relations Committee and their decision.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 2099

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PART X TO CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION AND CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES REPRESENTING THEMSELVES.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2099. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2099 at its first reading, and the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining thereto, subject to review by the Employee Relations Committee. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

On completion of the reading of the ordinances, Sr. Administrative Assistant Jackson stated his understanding that the adoption of the above ordinances include any policy statements contained in the Memorandum of Understanding to carry out the intent of the Council's instructions; the Council confirmed that this is true.

Mr. Jackson then introduced Mr. Gilbert who had assisted in the conciliation, which was followed by a handshaking ceremony (as is appropriate at the end of a horse-trading deal) between Mayor Miller and the employee organization representatives.

Mr. Jackson further noted that two groups still remain -- the City Attorneys Association and the Exempt Employees.

6. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BUDGET SESSION.

City Manager Ferraro advised that on resumption of the budget sessions on Thursday, June 18th, the following departments have been scheduled: Recreation, Fire, and Police.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:45 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to Thursday, June 18, 1970, at 4:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Minute Secretary

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*Vernon W. Coil*

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

APPROVED BY:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance