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Adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

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March 9, 1976

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 Tuesday, March 9, 1976, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

OUTGOING COUNCIL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Surber, Uerkwitz, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

INCOMING COUNCIL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Rossberg, Surber, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Fred Henry led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Lloyd C. Warneke, Ascension Lutheran Church, prefaced the invocation with the following noteworthy comments, originally offered by Abraham Lincoln:

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift;  
You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong;  
You cannot help the wage-earner by pulling down the  
wage-payer;  
You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging  
class hatred;  
You cannot help the poor by discouraging the rich;  
You cannot establish strong security on borrowed money;  
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more money  
than you earn;  
You cannot build character and courage by taking away  
man's initiative and independence;  
You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what  
they could and should do for themselves."

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable,

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with Councilman Uerkwitz abstaining in that he had not been present at the February 10th meeting.

(Note: The February 10th minutes erroneously indicate approval of Item #36 - Sale of 11 Surplus Police Sedans. The record should correctly reflect that no action was taken on that item in that it had been withdrawn at the request of the Finance Director.)

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Surber moved that after the City Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None.

ELECTION MATTERS:

8. RESOLUTION declaring results of the General Municipal Election held March 2, 1976.

Mayor Miller announced that this is the time and place to make official the results of the General Municipal Election held March 2, 1976.

The Mayor further advised that this year the City used one of the County's mini-computers, known as the CES Ballot Tabulator, and the votes were counted in the Council Chamber in full view of the public.

Further, per Mayor Miller, the California State Commission on Voting Machines and Vote Tabulating Devices prescribed certain procedures to be followed in the voting and tabulating of ballots. One of the requirements of the Commission was the performance of a Logic and Accuracy Test on the computer immediately prior to the tabulation of the ballots, and immediately afterwards. This was to be conducted by an Accuracy Certification Board which was to verify the accuracy of the computer. Serving as the Accuracy Certification Board this year were Councilwoman Katy Geissert, Mrs. Rachel Meyer, and the Reverend David B. Trask of Seaside Community Church. The City followed these procedures in the conduct of its election.

Continuing, Mayor Miller stated that the Elections Code provides that the City Council may order the canvass of the election returns to be made by the City Clerk prior to the first Tuesday after the election. The Council authorized the canvass

to be made by the City Clerk when they adopted Resolution No. 76-24 on February 10th.

Mayor Miller then asked if the City Clerk had conducted the canvass of the returns of the General Municipal Election held March 2, 1976, as directed by the Council? City Clerk Coil responded: "Yes, your Honor". One correction was noted by City Clerk Coil: Page 4 of Exhibit "A" attached to Resolution 76-40, declaring the results of the election relating to the votes cast for Ross Sciarrotta should be corrected to read:

Sub-total	3,318
Absentee	<u>37</u>
TOTAL	3,355

Mayor Miller directed that the record be so corrected.

Next questioned by Mayor Miller: "Have all valid absentee ballots been canvassed and the results included in the semi-official returns?" City Clerk Coil responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Miller then ascertained the following:

"Did the Accuracy Certification Board witness the conduct of the Logic and Accuracy Test by the Ballot Processing Board immediately PRIOR to the processing of the ballots and immediately AFTER processing of the last of the ballots through the computer, to test the accuracy of the computer?" City Clerk Coil responded: "Yes, your Honor".

"Did the Accuracy Certification Board certify the Logic and Accuracy Tests and place them on file with the City Clerk?" City Clerk Coil answered in the affirmative.

"Was the check-in of the returns conducted in the manner prescribed by the State Commission on Voting Machines and Vote Tabulating Devices?" City Clerk Coil answered yes.

"Was the tabulation of the votes conducted in the Council Chamber in the presence of the City Clerk and Accuracy Certification Board?" City Clerk Coil responded, "Yes, Your Honor".

"Are the results of the voting in each precinct and in the City as a whole accurately enumerated in the proposed resolution declaring the results of the election?" City Clerk Coil answered, "Yes, Your Honor, with the above noted correction."

Mayor Miller then announced that the City Clerk has canvassed the returns as enumerated in the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass embodied in Exhibit "A" of the proposed Resolution declaring the results of the election. The Mayor asked if there were any challenges or protests to be lodged respecting the results of votes cast in any precinct or the City as a whole? There was no response.

Mayor Miller thereupon declared the official canvass of the returns of the March 2, 1976 General Municipal Election completed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 1976, DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROVIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Armstrong moved to waive further reading of Resolution NO. 76-40. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

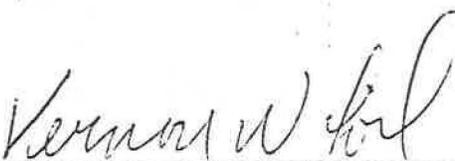
Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-40. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that the Minute Secretary enter the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass in the minutes of this meeting right after the passage of Resolution No. 76-40, and that the full text of Exhibit "A" showing the results of the election, precinct by precinct, be entered in full in the official minutes of the proceedings of this Council meeting. Compliance with this request is reflected in the pages immediately following.

## CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS

I, VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California duly authorized by Resolution No. 76-24 adopted by the City Council of said City on the 10th day of February, 1976, hereby certify that I have canvassed the returns of the regular general municipal election held in said City on the 2nd day of March, 1976, and find that the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City to persons voted for, the respective offices for which said persons were candidates and the votes given for and against the measures as set forth on the pages attached, identified as Exhibit "A", which exhibit shall be entered in full on the minutes of the proceedings of the said City Council held on said date.

Dated: March 9, 1976

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

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CONS. PRECINCT													CHARTER AMENDMENTS										VOTES CAST	PERCENT	TOTAL REG
	PARK	DAVIS	O'BRIEN	ARMSTRONG	MULLINS	MATTHEWS	WILSON	SCIARROTTA	SOURS	SMITH	THORNELL	ROSSBERG	NO. 1		NO. 2		NO. 3		NO. 4		NO. 5				
													YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO			
1	20	20	13	67	6	22	67	36	5	60	20	41	104	33	100	37	74	58	81	52	94	40	138	18.6	738
3	19	12	12	93	6	5	105	55	7	34	11	36	97	37	97	38	65	70	68	65	85	46	139	23.1	600
5	18	20	8	60	6	9	89	32	7	27	10	58	84	30	87	27	50	63	62	48	79	30	118	18.3	643
7	23	36	18	125	6	16	180	49	9	54	12	83	159	60	159	62	122	93	125	94	151	60	237	25.6	925
8	36	42	11	113	7	44	121	45	8	74	14	46	149	43	148	41	87	96	88	95	125	57	201	19.2	1,046
9	25	14	7	70	3	18	70	35	6	28	13	38	94	25	94	23	55	60	67	47	84	31	122	16.8	725
10	19	23	11	36	7	11	59	17	9	29	8	34	74	16	69	23	41	48	53	39	59	28	94	15.0	624
12	36	28	15	104	5	29	122	49	12	49	21	61	129	51	128	53	100	80	118	63	118	60	189	18.4	1,025
13	29	49	13	107	10	38	103	33	18	47	55	82	142	63	140	60	85	112	103	99	112	84	212	21.6	978
15	21	41	17	122	10	27	123	63	15	40	39	72	159	48	161	47	117	87	124	77	140	63	210	20.0	1,047
16	13	24	5	62	6	3	76	38	3	17	16	30	74	23	72	23	52	43	50	45	75	19	104	14.6	710
18	26	26	13	131	4	33	130	60	8	30	42	71	142	62	138	67	108	94	110	94	124	73	209	19.8	1,052
24	15	22	7	62	3	11	46	25	10	22	3	25	67	22	67	21	51	37	52	35	63	18	95	16.1	588
26	22	43	13	137	10	36	132	51	10	66	28	74	147	66	144	67	94	114	102	107	144	60	220	22.0	998
27	16	10	9	63	19	23	72	34	8	29	11	34	80	34	77	37	54	58	62	49	69	43	116	21.4	542
28	23	28	9	74	9	16	86	29	9	51	14	48	101	45	104	42	64	78	75	65	106	37	147	18.0	813
30	26	27	9	96	7	18	91	35	12	61	10	88	122	41	119	42	73	84	90	74	100	57	167	20.4	816
31	22	30	8	52	3	14	54	22	11	31	6	43	78	27	77	25	56	45	62	40	63	35	107	15.8	676
34	23	36	12	122	1	20	106	40	7	43	11	71	135	38	131	37	93	74	110	56	117	46	179	22.9	780
35	26	25	11	97	5	24	71	52	9	44	14	55	105	50	106	49	69	85	82	74	91	60	156	22.0	708
37	26	30	12	100	5	27	82	29	13	51	7	59	106	47	109	44	76	76	81	69	100	50	155	19.7	786
38	20	38	8	118	7	20	90	41	10	32	5	100	120	49	122	48	82	85	94	72	102	63	175	22.8	765

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39	36	38	11	185	5	31	152	57	15	40	14	125	193	58	191	56	122	118	157	85	154	89	252	22.1	1,140
40	23	35	10	72	11	19	74	47	11	48	11	71	108	38	109	37	87	56	97	48	88	52	148	13.8	1,066
42	26	25	12	81	9	17	67	28	5	23	11	66	93	32	88	33	77	45	75	44	81	38	134	14.4	929
44	23	27	4	132	2	42	118	43	7	45	15	104	157	40	152	43	108	87	113	81	133	58	200	28.7	696
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47	26	26	9	180	3	52	129	41	10	114	6	99	183	63	179	65	124	117	151	91	158	77	260	35.3	735
48	37	30	13	124	10	32	98	52	12	61	15	65	132	53	128	54	68	106	92	86	116	61	198	21.7	911
52	20	20	6	117	5	27	100	47	1	22	7	67	119	34	119	34	90	60	83	66	106	42	162	32.8	493
54	18	26	17	97	5	29	86	37	3	39	7	63	116	31	119	30	85	61	83	63	103	42	157	32.3	485
55	22	37	17	179	6	55	154	59	8	82	12	104	192	58	183	62	122	122	128	116	152	84	264	35.2	750
57	25	40	12	131	4	42	92	51	11	49	10	68	131	58	129	60	83	108	99	93	119	69	198	21.0	942
58	24	27	7	105	9	38	79	40	18	48	14	50	108	47	104	52	70	85	70	87	87	65	173	29.3	590
61	18	38	11	167	4	28	124	65	7	59	6	63	156	49	151	54	107	94	99	100	123	66	209	30.3	689
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64	22	34	9	173	10	27	141	49	15	66	13	99	172	55	174	51	137	85	135	91	144	73	231	32.3	713
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66	11	9	7	129	2	29	115	40	7	25	8	93	117	50	120	46	89	77	89	74	117	48	170	22.2	763
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74	16	37	12	187	11	46	156	40	14	75	22	137	197	69	191	73	143	118	148	118	163	91	279	34.3	812
76	38	31	18	193	14	56	170	103	10	41	23	99	206	63	202	64	156	105	145	118	180	79	281	36.1	777
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82	15	32	5	102	5	24	86	37	7	37	9	65	102	46	104	44	76	70	90	58	95	49	151	21.2	711
83	14	24	9	96	5	21	78	46	4	34	7	70	110	29	112	27	72	63	85	49	90	45	141	22.0	639
85	29	31	9	105	2	19	112	52	7	59	12	99	143	44	140	47	91	95	105	78	130	54	193	26.4	729
86	16	15	9	59	0	11	55	28	5	12	9	33	62	23	61	22	48	33	54	29	60	24	90	13.8	649
87	23	34	9	141	6	23	105	57	8	54	12	67	145	46	146	46	100	88	104	84	136	49	194	28.7	674
89	17	15	11	70	4	11	64	36	5	26	3	36	77	27	78	26	63	39	66	37	69	33	109	21.0	519
90	27	35	13	115	8	12	92	49	4	60	15	104	148	39	143	40	119	66	129	56	131	52	194	19.6	985
91	38	38	11	150	12	24	142	50	17	64	14	130	181	61	177	63	125	109	165	71	161	71	245	23.6	1,035
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96	35	35	10	147	11	29	131	66	12	101	10	149	198	60	199	59	144	109	158	95	170	82	266	24.2	1,098
98	14	24	5	75	1	5	54	29	5	14	8	39	73	23	77	22	57	40	46	47	70	24	101	27.1	372
99	39	74	14	139	13	27	119	53	14	50	17	108	159	82	162	80	108	128	125	111	146	87	248	22.1	1,120
101	26	38	17	100	3	24	89	34	14	56	4	98	118	56	119	55	93	75	115	56	115	52	178	25.1	709
103	33	33	14	185	5	23	163	63	15	81	10	183	224	61	219	66	165	117	183	99	185	89	296	29.5	1,003
104	17	13	6	189	0	24	173	50	5	37	8	160	189	48	188	48	148	83	160	74	166	66	243	29.5	823
105	26	44	21	219	5	17	185	72	18	45	12	218	233	73	226	80	161	137	180	115	183	110	312	29.5	1,057
107	25	31	9	128	2	19	138	57	8	53	12	132	172	44	174	43	120	92	146	67	158	52	221	26.3	839
109	20	22	9	114	8	13	106	38	12	24	5	128	137	40	138	38	104	72	117	55	131	41	182	24.2	749

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111	19	28	12	96	11	15	86	38	8	38	13	95	118	42	122	37	80	77	93	65	102	52	165	19.8	833
113	19	25	9	138	9	13	141	47	11	36	14	161	178	41	177	40	142	69	157	58	159	52	230	30.3	758
116	25	46	8	103	5	30	80	37	9	34	16	58	116	40	112	42	81	72	79	68	101	48	165	23.0	715
118	24	22	14	56	5	13	57	26	18	24	7	37	79	26	78	25	52	51	68	36	65	38	111	17.6	628
121	34	62	10	195	10	31	209	49	9	56	7	148	216	55	220	50	138	125	143	119	170	92	286	36.6	781
122	8	29	10	68	1	11	68	35	3	39	10	57	85	32	88	31	69	46	84	34	82	31	121	15.0	805
125	13	33	9	79	0	10	60	39	4	23	8	56	94	18	94	20	69	44	72	39	81	28	117	12.2	958
139	15	35	6	163	1	15	159	58	8	53	2	77	156	43	154	46	122	72	130	65	144	47	206	25.3	812
SUB TOTAL	1,696	2,211	781	8,714	432	1,798	7,904	3,358	670	3,417	954	6,117	9,902	3,316	9,840	3,325	6,941	6,015	7,668	5,299	8,692	4,079	13,839	23.8	
ABSENTEE	26	28	12	95	6	12	86	37	15	29	7	59	117	17	115	19	71	58	82	51	96	32	143		
TOTAL	1,722	2,239	793	8,809	438	1,810	7,990	3,395	685	3,446	961	6,176	10,019	3,333	9,955	3,344	7,023	6,066	7,764	5,350	8,788	4,111	13,982	24.1	58,056

Mayor Miller then announced that James R. Armstrong, Donald E. Wilson and Richard P. Rossberg have been elected to the City Council, each for a full term of four (4) years, Mr. Armstrong having received 8,809 votes, Mr. Wilson having received 7,990 votes, and Mr. Rossberg having received 6,176 votes. According to the law, the City Clerk shall sign and deliver to each newly-elected person a Certificate of Election, and so directed City Clerk Coil.

City Clerk Coil thereupon administered the Oath of Office to Councilpersons-elect Armstrong, Wilson and Rossberg, and provided each newly installed official a Certificate of Election.

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At this time Mayor Miller invited comments from Councilman Uerkwitz, in attendance on this auspicious occasion, his first appearance since his surgery -- the sight of Mr. Uerkwitz, appearing so fit and so well on the road to recovery, was an inspiration to all who have been associated with him through his many years of dedication to the City of Torrance.

The delightful farewell address by Mr. Uerkwitz included the relinquishing of "City Hall Secrets" to Councilman Rossberg: (1) Brewster's Bombs; (2) Katy's Classics; (3) Miller's Miseries; (4) Wilson's Whoppers; (5) Armstrong's Agonies; (6) Surber's Sorrows, and (7) Ferraro's Follies.

Councilman Uerkwitz then seriously expressed his appreciation to the Council, the Staff members, his many friends, and to all who had made his Councilmanic career such a rewarding experience.

Councilman Uerkwitz thereupon relinquished his chair to Councilman Rossberg, with every good wish for his success, and Councilman and Mrs. Bill Uerkwitz departed from the Council Chamber amid thundering applause and a standing ovation.

Gratitude to all who had contributed to his successful election, and a pledge to serve to the very best of his ability, was conveyed by Councilman Rossberg as he joined the other members of the Torrance City Council.

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PRESENTATION:

9. OPERATING PROGRAM STATUS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES -  
Planning Department.

Planning Director Shartle provided the presentation -- a presentation deemed outstanding by the Council -- of the Operating Program Status and Performance Measures for his department.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

10. BICENTENNIAL MOTIF FOR CERTAIN FIRE HYDRANTS.

Representing Marble Estates, Mrs. Mendez and Mrs. Stillson recommended that interested groups be permitted to participate in the Bicentennial Fire Hydrant painting project, as has so successfully been done in other communities. Fire Chief Slonecker indicated concurrence with such citizen participation.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the Water System Manager, and that interested parties and the Bicentennial Committee be included in the working out of the details for the painting of some 100+ fire hydrants, per March 4th communication of record. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. WITHDRAWN.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

12. AWARDING OF TOWING AND STORAGE CONTRACT.

Attorney Bernard O'Connor, representing R&R Automotive, presented a 4-page document objecting to the recommendation of the City Manager.

In view of this added material, it was the recommendation of Mayor Miller that this matter be held for two weeks.

Also present were Attorney Ralph Bernstein, representing South Bay Shell Service, and Mrs. Van Lingen who indicated no objections to the continuance but requested copies of the subject document and any additional input in this matter.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to hold Item #12 for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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FISCAL MATTERS:

13. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$1600 FROM THE CITY OF KASHIWA FOR TREE PLANTINGS.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the \$1600 cash gift from the City of Kashiwa be officially accepted and appropriated for the specific purpose of tree plantings at the times and locations to be suggested by Kashiwa.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AND

14. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS TO POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS/CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE CHIEF:

That the \$125 donation from the Torrance P.T.A. Council and the \$150 donation from the Independent Insurance Agents Association be officially accepted and utilized as specified by the donors.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Police Chief for acceptance, with appreciation, of these donations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WARCO LABORATORIES, INC., TORRANCE ALUMINUM WINDOW COMPANY, AND CAPITOL METALS CO., INC.

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-41. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. RESOLUTION re: On-The-Job Training.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PIONEER INDUSTRIES, INC.

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-42. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

17. ORDINANCE changing class title - Environmental Quality Administrator.

ORDINANCE NO. 2641

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.103.1  
OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2641 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE.

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2640.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.24.6  
OF PART II OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE  
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING VACATION  
PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY  
THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND  
ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.24.6 OF PART II OF  
CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE  
MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING VACATION PROVISIONS  
FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE  
FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1138

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2640 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING HEARING:

19. CUP 75-3 & PP 75-1, Plaza del Amo.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil, and it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the subject public hearing.

City Manager Ferraro advised that this matter has been temporarily delayed because of some technicalities, and requested that it be continued to March 23rd.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to continue Item #19 to March 23, 1976, at 7:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEAL - OTHER THAN PLANNING:20. REQUEST OF GARY A. BAYLESS to continue hearing.

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted the request of Attorney Steven Berman, representing Mr. Bayless, for continuance to April 13th, a 7:00 P.M. meeting, which would make it possible to schedule the hearing at 6:00 P.M.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson voiced the City Manager's objections to any time extension beyond April 6th in view of the hardship represented by the vacant position.

Discussion followed -- the fact that one hour has usually been allocated for these matters resulted in the choice of the 7:00 P.M. meeting on April 13th.

MOTION: Councilman Brewster moved to continue Item #20 to April 13, 1976, at 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:21. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$364.00 to E.A. Packer, Distributor, for 303 requested assorted paperback books.
2. \$723.98 to Needham Book Finders for 129 assorted library books.
3. \$848.99 to Aldine Books for 137 assorted library books.
4. \$319.53 to Doubleday & Company for 57 assorted library books.
5. \$515.17 to Baker & Taylor Company for 51 assorted library books.
6. \$653.50 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for necessary tire repair and recapping services as requested by the City Garage.
7. \$1,033.71 to Dunkin Tire Company for four 12 x 20:16 ply tires and tubes requested by the City Garage.
8. \$1175.15 to Mohawk Manufacturing and Supply Company for miscellaneous replacement GMC rebuilt repair parts as requested by the City Garage for City buses.
9. \$639.18 to Utility Industrial Supply for miscellaneous field hand tools (shovels, picks, rakes, brooms, etc.) as requested by the City Garage for use by requesting departments.
10. \$890.76 to S&J Chevrolet for necessary Allison transmission service and repair parts as requested by the City Garage for vehicles #9025 and #9029.

11. \$2,593.39 to Barnes & Delaney for 58 miscellaneous large size truck and specialty tires and tubes as requested by the City Garage.
12. \$310.80 to Muncie Reclamation for a rebuilt clutch and plate to fit a GM bus as requested by the City Garage.
13. \$340.67 to Bowman Products Division of Associated Spring for various size bolts, nuts and cap screws required by the City Garage for repair work.
14. \$502.00 to Custom Broom Company for two only replacement street sweeper main brooms as requested by the City Garage.
15. \$596.72 to GMC Truck and Coach for miscellaneous GMC bus repair parts as requested by the City Garage.
16. \$2516.36 to Smith & Hartford Custom Coach for necessary repairs to a City bus involved in an accident.
17. \$307.65 to Hanson-Loran Chemical, Inc. for the purchase of shuffleboard wax as requested by the Custodial Dept.
18. \$392.84 to National Embroidered Emblem for Torrance Park and Recreation identification patches and Police shoulder patches.
19. \$367.59 to Guardian Fence Company for miscellaneous chain link fence hardware as requested by the Park Services Division.
20. \$322.69 to Crown Coach Corporation for necessary repair parts for fire engines, as requested by the Fire Department (Ref. Engines #2,5 and 7).
21. \$449.71 to Zee Medical Products for 25 police vehicle first aid kits, as requested by the Police Department.
22. \$959.30 to Zumar Industries for steel posts for mounting traffic control signs as requested by the Department of Transportation.
23. \$2958.92 to Industry Wholesale Company for miscellaneous size electrical wire requested by the Department of Transportation.
24. \$826.80 to Safeway Sign Company for traffic control signs as requested by the Department of Transportation.
25. \$1817.73 to Magnasync-Moviola Corporation for necessary repairs to the Fire Department logging recorder.
26. \$525.02 to James Jones Company for three replacement water hydrant heads as requested by the Water Department.

27. \$1590.00 to Hersey Products, Inc. for miscellaneous Hersey water meter repair parts as requested by the Water Department for meter repairs.
  28. \$524.70 to Paramount Equipment Sales to purchase one only rebuilt transmission requested by the City Garage for Unit #8925.
  29. \$4600.00 to American Plant Protection for an annual contract to provide guard security services for City Yard on weekends and holidays as requested by the Street Department.
  30. \$2700.88 to Don Wren Company to furnish 2 tons of polypropylene bristles material used to make street sweeper main brooms, as requested by the Street Department.
  31. \$512.62 to American Wholesale Hardware for special ammunition, including blank cartridges, as requested by the Police Department for special training.
  32. \$1293.20 to Cheshire & Perez Distributors for 4,000 rounds of soft point 30-06 and 308 cal. ammunition as requested by the Police Department for the training sessions.
  33. \$1839.10 to Best Concrete Products for:
    - A. One only meter vault requested by the Water Dept. for installation at the U.S. Steel Corporation.
    - B. Three replacement meter vaults requested by the Water Department for installation at the Stor-N-Lok service. Payment has already been received for this expenditure.
  34. \$496.27 to Pacific States Cast Iron Company for 162 feet of 4-inch ductile iron pipe as requested by the Water Department for installation at Tract #27826. Payment has already been received.
  35. \$687.94 to Taylor Manufacturing for eleven push bumper assemblies for 1976 Nova police units, requested by the Police Department.
  36. \$3323.10 to George F. Cake for 11 twin-sonic sound systems requested by the Police Department for the new Police vehicles.
22. STORM DRAIN CATCH BASIN IN 232ND STREET WEST OF ARLINGTON AVENUE (B76-13) JOB NO. 31011.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to William J. Carney and all other bids be rejected.

23. AWARD OF SIX-MONTH CONTRACT RE: ASPHALT - (PLANT MIX)  
Expenditure: \$117,407.00/6 months.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve awarding of the contract for asphalt (plant mix) to the low bidder (in terms of cost to the City) Sully-Miller Contracting Company in the total amount of \$117,407.00, including tax, for a 6-month contract.

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT to furnish and install replacement underground gasoline storage tank.  
Appropriation of Funds: Expenditure: \$8993.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

A. That Council accept the low bid submitted by DST-Builders and approve of the awarding of a contract to them for furnishing and installing a 20,000 gallon storage tank in the total amount of \$8993.00, including tax.

B. It is further requested that Council appropriate \$8993.00 from the Equipment Fund for this required unbudgeted purchase. Since major equipment replacements (emergency vehicles and refuse packers) have been financed on a one-time basis from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, approximately \$350,000 is available in the Equipment Fund for vehicle and heavy equipment replacements.

25. WEED ABATEMENT CONTRACT FOR 1976 (B76-12) Job No. 76151.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Gary's Lot Cleaning, and all other bids be rejected.

26. INCLUSION OF STORM DRAIN IN TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 32549 IN MASTER PLAN OF STORM DRAINS.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the drainage facility on subject sketch of record be placed on the City's Master Plan of Storm Drains.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and #26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:12 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The Council returned to its agenda at 8:14 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. Assistant City Manager Scharfman requested that there be a 10-day advertising period (instead of the usual 30 day period) for a vacant small building on the Airport which is handled by month-to-month lease. There were no objections to the request. Councilman Armstrong MOVED to concur with the request of the Assistant City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. A "retiring gift" of great significance -- the parking lot gate pass and the key to the men's room -- from Councilman Uerkwitz was presented to Councilman Rossberg by City Manager Ferraro.

29. City Manager Ferraro conveyed the congratulations of Staff to the new and reelected Councilmembers, with a commentary on the continuity of government and its strength in America.

30. Councilman Armstrong expressed his congratulations to Councilmembers Rossberg and Wilson, his gratitude to all who had supported him and the untiring efforts in his behalf, and his best wishes for happiness to Pat and Bill Uerkwitz.

31. Councilman Brewster provided an up-to-date report on the RTD strike bill -- it was the recommendation of Mr. Brewster that the City work with the appropriate parties to the end that there would be a solid front presentation to the Board of Supervisors at the time of the hearing on this matter.

32. Councilman Brewster joined in the congratulations for the newly seated Council -- "three good citizens who will make this one of the strongest Councils this City has ever known" -- and particularly noted the integrity of the just concluded campaign.

33. Councilwoman Geissert added her congratulations to Messrs. Armstrong, Rossberg, and Wilson, but noted her concern regarding the declining number of registered voters and the resultant deterioration of the democratic process.

It was the recommendation of Mrs. Geissert that a vigorous publicity campaign re: voter registration be launched, involving the help and involvement of all interested civic groups, with the City providing coordination and scheduling assistance. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

34. Councilman Rossberg voiced his appreciation for the honor afforded him, and acknowledged the hard work of so many people in making it all come true. Like gratitude was expressed by Councilman Wilson, with a special "thank you" to City Staff.

35. The above expressed election sentiments, and congratulations, were echoed by Councilman Surber.

35. Councilman Armstrong noted his necessary absence at the March 16th Council meeting in that he will be at the National League of Cities Congressional Conference in Washington, D.C.

36. Mayor Miller expressed his particular pleasure at the outcome of the election, and predicted positive-type approaches, and creditable solutions, to the problems to be faced by this Council.

37. Mayor Miller directed that there be review regarding Council Committee assignments desired by Councilmembers -- this matter to be returned in approximately two weeks.

38. Mayor Miller requested Staff review regarding the request of the City of Long Beach that a letter go forward to Los Angeles County urging that a charter amendment (which would call for the abolition of the prevailing wage section of the County Charter) be prepared for the June, 1976 election.

39. Mr. Tom Nosek, Riviera Homeowners Association, questioned the status of the HDR Homes litigation -- City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that a continuance will be requested in order that all interested parties may study the plans which have now been submitted.

It was also announced by Mr. Nosek that, as the outgoing president of the Association, he was very grateful for the unfailing assistance and cooperation of this Council and City Staff. Councilman Armstrong likewise commended Mr. Nosek for presentations on behalf of the Riviera Homeowners Association which were always done with dignity and in a most responsible manner.

40. Mr. Jim Davis, former Council candidate, concurred with earlier expressed comments regarding the quality of the campaign, pledged his support to the current Council, and promised to try again in 1978.

41. Councilman Wilson urged that there be formal recognition, at the appropriate time, of the fine job done by Councilman Uerkwitz. City Manager Ferraro indicated that such plans are now underway.

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42. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: Columbia Park Litigation:

At 8:40 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss litigation (a proper subject matter, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 9:05 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Council go on record as concurring in the City Attorney's recommendation as to the price to be offered the Otanis in settlement of the litigation of Columbia Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

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Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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City Council  
March 9, 1976

*Vernon W. Coil*

Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the  
City of Torrance

APPROVED:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance