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Adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 1976, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilman Surber arrived at 6:05 P.M. Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Al Ng led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Councilman Wilson provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of the minutes of March 31, 1976. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Surber had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilwoman Geissert moved that after the City Clerk has assigned 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 (Councilman Surber had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

No reports.

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APPEAL - OTHER THAN PLANNING:8. APPEAL BY OFFICERS WOOLDRIDGE AND TAYLOR OF THEIR  
DISABILITY RETIREMENTS.

At the request of Mayor Miller, City Attorney Remelmeyer outlined the recommended procedures for the subject Appeals -- the first presentation to be by the attorney, followed by response by Assistant to the City Manager Jackson, and, finally, Council deliberations on the evidence presented.

On behalf of Thomas Wooldridge, Attorney John Furey, 2500 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, reviewed the medical history of his client, including the 1971 and 1975 injuries, and requested that the Council, rather than make the final date for the lapse of industrial injury time, under 4850, October 22, 1976 (which would be one year from the date of the second injury), terminate same on July 1, 1976 in that the matter is pending before the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board and a determination will be made by them prior to that time.

Assistant to the City Manager Jackson pointed out the language in the current law in this regard does not guarantee one year of industrial injury leave; the language reads "...up to one year..." Further, per Mr. Jackson, the medical evidence clearly indicates that the retirement is based upon the first injury; Mr. Wooldridge has, therefore, run out his year of industrial injury time; the injury is permanent and stationary -- the date of March 1, 1976, as recommended by the City, is appropriate.

Desired clarification was provided the Council by Messrs. Furey, Jackson, and Deputy City Attorney Scudder.

The appeal of Officer Thomas Taylor was presented by Attorney John Furey who reviewed past deliberations with City officials in this matter (where an "Injury on Duty" pension was recommended); the subsequent overturning of that decision; the substantial medical evidence in support of job-related psychological problems; etc. -- it appears clear that Officer Taylor, after his association with the Police Department, has developed a psychological disability from stress, and he should be compensated accordingly.

The decision of the hearing officer, per Assistant to the City Manager Jackson, was based on the City doctor's finding that tests indicate a lifetime personality disorder in the case of Officer Taylor.

Council discussion and necessary clarification followed.

Prior to retiring to Executive Session, Mayor Miller entertained the following agenda item, out of order:

ADDENDUM ITEM:39. MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PROBLEMS - Southwood Riviers Homeowners Association.RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the written complaints of Mr. V.J. Frasso, representing the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, be forwarded to the Airport Commission for public hearing, review, and subsequent recommendation to your honorable body on those matters which relate directly to the violations of "touch and go" patterns and the enforcement of same; and that such other matters which are directly related to the Airport Master Plan be addressed when that Master Plan is before your honorable body for consideration.

Mr. V.J. Frasso, 23007 Kent Avenue, was present to reaffirm the concerns of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, of record, and indicated concurrence with the recommendation of City Manager Ferraro.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above recommendation of the City Manager, and refer Item #39 to the Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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ITEM #8:

The hour being 6:45 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to consider Item #8 - the Appeals of Officers Wooldridge and Taylor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 7:15 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation to set June 30, 1976, as the effective date in the case of Thomas Wooldridge, subject to proper stipulation being drawn by the attorneys of record. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg,  
Surber, Wilson; Mayor Miller.

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved, in the matter of Thomas Taylor, to concur with the City Manager's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION:9. BICENTENNIAL MUSIC - Choir of the Torrance Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The musical presentation was greatly enjoyed by all present; Mayor Miller conveyed appreciation for the musical treat and the fine community effort thereby represented.

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PRESENTATIONS:

- 10. TILE PLAQUE to the Youth of Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, Torrance Stake, for Bicentennial public service.
- 11. TILE PLAQUE to the Youth of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, Torrance Stake, for public service at Delthorne Park.
- 12. RESOLUTION commending the Torrance Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for their contributions to Bicentennial Projects.

Church representatives were present for the above presentations by Councilman Wilson and Mayor Miller who conveyed the City's appreciation for the above noted public service efforts of this church.

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13. THE SOUTH BAY TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PLAN by the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

As requested by Councilman Brewster, the Study Team of the Southern California Rapid Transit District, and their consultant, Centers for Studies, Inc. provided a most informative presentation regarding the South Bay Transit Improvement Plan, adopted by the SCRTD Board April 7, 1976.

The appreciation of the Council was conveyed by Mayor Miller. It was noted that recommendations of the Director of Transportation will follow.

14. FINAL REPORT ON VITA PROGRAM.

(Program for free tax help provided at Benstead Plunge and Bartlett Center)

Mr. Charles Hosler, 22311 Marjorie Avenue, introduced Mr. Carl Robertson of the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Robertson, in turn, presented to Mayor Miller, for the City of Torrance, a Certificate of Appreciation for the use of the Benstead Plunge and the Bartlett Center in the preparation and filing of income tax returns.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that there be "appropriate recognition" for the efforts of the Internal Revenue Service, as recommended by the City Manager.

15. PRESENTATION BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR PRAIRIE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING DEED.

On behalf of the Southern California Edison Company, Mr. Ted Porter presented to Mayor Miller, for the City of Torrance, a deed providing an easement for the Prairie Avenue Pedestrian Overcrossing -- this being a granted easement, at no cost to the City, valued at approximately \$10,000. There was grateful acceptance by the Mayor for this most generous community contribution.

16. OPERATING PROGRAM STATUS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES - Street Department.

Held for later in the meeting - See Page 12.

PROCLAMATIONS:

17. RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK.

18. BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

Considered by the Council, out of order, at this time:

HEARING - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

31. CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS:

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the advertised public hearing on Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act)

Project Nos. 76-1, 76-2, 76-3, 76-4 and 76-5 on 237th Street, 238th Street, Crenshaw Boulevard, Samuel Street, and Santa Fe Avenue.

City Engineer Weaver confirmed that notices were mailed and posted; further, that no written protests have been received.

Mayor Miller then inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to direct the City Engineer to proceed with Chapter 27 (Short Form 1911 Act) Project Nos. 76-1, 76-2, 76-3, 76-4 and 76-5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

19. COMMISSION VACANCIES:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

1. That Mrs. Charlotte Sciarrotta, who resigned from the Environmental Quality Commission on March 5, 1976, receive a large tile plaque for her service to the City.
2. That the City Council fix a time and date for interviewing applicants to fill the vacancy on the Environmental Quality Commission. To allow time to place a public notice in the Daily Breeze to advertise this vacancy, would suggest that the date be set for May 25, 1976.
3. That the Council fill the vacancies on the Parking Place Commission at their earliest convenience. (Expired terms: Mayor Miller; James Giacolone. Vacancy: Former Councilmember Ross Sciarrotta.)

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with recommendations #1 and #2, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Discussion was directed to recommendation #3 - the Parking Place Commission - it was the consensus of the Council that there was a need for more information regarding the functions, meeting dates, etc. of this Commission. City Attorney Remelmeyer was directed to provide the desired clarification.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to reappoint existing members to the Parking Place Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable).

PUBLIC WORKS:

20. RESOLUTION re: Grant of Easement to Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN EASEMENT TO PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITY SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-86. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

21. RESOLUTION authorizing approval of purchase of underground fueling equipment at Torrance Airport from Exxon.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A BILL OF SALE FROM EXXON COMPANY TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PURCHASE AT TOKEN COST OF CERTAIN UNDERGROUND FUELING EQUIPMENT AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-87. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FISCAL MATTERS:

22. WAIVER OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES TAX (BEDROOM TAX).

Noted by the Council was the communication from Mr. Charles Case of March 29, 1976 requesting relief from paying the \$550 Park and Recreation Facilities Tax that is imposed on every dwelling unit constructed in the City -- Mr. Case has lived in Torrance for over 25 years, and now wants to replace his old house with a new one and continue his residence on the same premises.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the Code be amended to exempt replacement residences.

It was the request of City Manager Ferraro that such exemption be limited to single family residences only.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the request of Mr. Charles Case, the recommendation of the Finance Director, and the request of the City Manager that the application be to single family residences only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-88

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 HARRISON-KNICKERBOCKER, REALTORS, AND ROBERT O, KASSE, GENERAL AGENT, JOHN HANCOCK INSURANCE COMPANY

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-88. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

24. CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA SLIDE - Sur La Brea Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION/PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

That SETHA's contribution of funds for the playground equipment be accepted, and that \$920.95 be appropriated from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund, and set up in a special fund in the City for the purpose of constructing the play equipment.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission/Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that the safety aspects of the swinging bridge be thoroughly investigated before it is put to use.

On behalf of SETHA, Mrs. Dee Hardison presented to the City of Torrance a check in the amount of \$164.05 -- funds derived by a paper drive and the John Adams PTA -- to be used for the small children's slide at Sur La Brea Park. There was grateful acceptance by Mayor Miller.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

25. ORDINANCE re: Veteran's Preference.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer Item #25 to the Civil Service Committee for study and recommendation. The

motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Present on this matter were Mr. Den Rink, 5614 Via del Collado; Mr. John McGillvrey, 2550 Pacific Coast Highway; Mr. Joe Clukey, 856 Calle de Arboles; and Mr. Jack Cramer, 2668 - 232nd Street. Their input was invited at the Committee meeting.

The subject meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 10, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Miller directed that Councilman Surber temporarily serve as a Committee member in the absence of Councilman Wilson.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

26. ORDINANCE permitting minors to enter into card rooms used exclusively for the playing of duplicate bridge.

ORDINANCE NO. 2649

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 35.1.13 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE PERMITTING MINORS TO ENTER INTO CARD ROOMS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PLAYING OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Councilman Brewster moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2649 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. RETIREMENT BANQUET for Dr. Leo F. Cain, President, California State College, Dominguez Hills.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the recommendation that the City participate in this occasion, and that there be "appropriate recognition" for Dr. Cain. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

28. ORDINANCE NO. 2647.

ORDINANCE NO. 2647

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 33.2.5 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE DELETING THE CUMULATIVE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2647 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg, Surber, Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.  
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (not present at first reading).

29. ORDINANCE NO. 2648.ORDINANCE NO. 2648

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 35.4.9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE EXEMPTING NON-HAZARDOUS CHARITABLE DANCE MARATHONS FROM SAID CODE'S GENERAL PROHIBITION THERE AGAINST

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2648 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg, Surber, Wilson; Mayor Miller.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.  
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brewster (not present at first reading).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:30. REVISED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE for the Downtown Torrance District.ORDINANCE NO. 2650

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE 40 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF PROBLEM USES IN THE DOWNTOWN TORRANCE DISTRICT, REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2625 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2650 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 8:35 P.M., Mayor Miller ordered a 10-minute recess.

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HEARING - OTHER THAN PLANNING:31. CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS at various locations.

Heard earlier in the meeting -- See Page 4.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:32. SIGN APPEAL for Hillside Village Ski & Sports Shop, 24584 Hawthorne Boulevard.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon noted communication

from proponent requesting that this matter be postponed for one week in that he is out of town on urgent business.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the request of the proponent, and hold Item #32 to meeting of May 4, 1976, a 5:30 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson; there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

33. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$2,171.52 to Zumar Industries for 136 traffic control signs as requested by the Department of Transportation.
2. \$9,151.77 to Econolite Corporation for necessary repairs to a traffic controller which was severely damaged in a vehicle accident. A billing for reimbursement of damage repair costs is in process.
3. \$3,639.21 to Teledyne Post for the award of an annual contract to provide engineering reproduction paper "as requested" by the Engineering Department.
4. \$301.04 to Hersey Products, Inc. for one only 2-inch Hersey water meter, as requested by the Water Dept. for water service at Sunnyside Nursery. Payment has already been received for this service.
5. \$1,812.60 to Western Water Works Supply Company for 400 angle valves and corp. stops, as requested by the Water Department.
6. \$316.94 to Lanier Corporation for the purchase of one only replacement portable public address system which was stolen from Herma Tillim Center. (A Police Report was filed).
7. \$579.54 to Dixon Boiler Works to fabricate a replacement boiler steam manifold required for use at Benstead Plunge, as requested by Building Maintenance.
8. \$895.00 to Standard & Poors Corporation for renewal subscriptions to the American and New York Stock Reports, as requested by the City Librarian.
9. \$317.68 to Todd Pipe and Supply for one only replacement water heater, as requested by the Building Maintenance Division for Fire Station No. 2. This was an emergency replacement purchase.
10. \$527.56 to SCM Walton Printing Corporation for the printing of City employee "Labor Charge Sheets" required by the Finance Department.

11. \$2,180.66 to Southern California Fence Company for the purchase of chain link fencing hardware requested by the Park Services Division for use at Columbia Park.
12. \$924.23 to Xerox Corporation for miscellaneous operating xerographic supplies for xerox copiers, as requested by the Central Services Division.
13. \$326.90 to First Company for the purchase of a supply of mop-presses required by the Custodial Department.
14. \$1,224.91 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company for miscellaneous tire repair and recapping services requested by the City Garage.
15. \$545.76 to Hetzel Brothers for 15 brake blocks requested by the City Garage.

34. CONSTRUCTION OF CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS (B76-3).

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

That the work be accepted on the basis of the as-built quantities, and final payment be made to the contractor.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #33 and #34. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

35. RESOLUTION authorizing the destruction of certain unneeded City records.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-89

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN UNNEEDED CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS WITHOUT MAKING COPIES THEREOF

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-89. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. ADJOURNMENT TO HILLSIDE GEOLOGICAL TOUR.

The Hillside Geological Tour scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th, at 3:30 P.M. met with the approval of the Council, it being noted that all interested parties were invited to participate in the Tour.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

37. 235TH STREET SUMP.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-90

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 27, 1976, BY AND BETWEEN SAID CITY AND DON WILSON BUILDERS, INC., RELATING TO THE SALE OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO PERMIT SAID DON WILSON BUILDERS TO DRAIN HIS PROPOSED TRACT NO. 32549 INTO THE CITY'S SUMP SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND 235TH STREET

Councilman Brewster moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-90. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND APPLICATIONS FOR 1976-77.

RECOMMENDATION OF PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

That the City Council direct Staff to recommend on the site or sites they consider most likely to qualify for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. Staff is to then discuss their findings with the Park and Recreation Commission with a final joint report with recommendations back to the City Council for the meeting on May 25th.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PROBLEMS - Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association.

Heard earlier in the meeting - See Page 3.

The Council now returned to:

PRESENTATIONS:

16. OPERATING PROGRAM STATUS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES - Street Department.

A presentation of Street Department activities was made by Street Superintendent Kirkruff -- Council commendation and appreciation followed this informative presentation.

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The hour being 9:30 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as the 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 9:31 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. Assistant to the City Manager Jackson advised that an Executive Session regarding hours, wages and working conditions would be necessary at the conclusion of this meeting.

41. Councilman Armstrong noted the communication regarding the forthcoming Surf Festival and the requested \$300 -- City Manager Ferraro will review and report back on the subject request.

42. It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that there be Staff input regarding Reeves Field.

43. Councilman Rossberg, as chairman of the Civil Service Committee, announced the imminent retirement of Senior Secretary Florence Gustafson, and provided appropriate recognition of her seventeen years of City service by way of a resolution, as follows:

"WHEREAS, Florence has always been courteous, kind, courageous, and a 'good scout';

WHEREAS, Florence's constant strength is an example to be followed by all of us;

WHEREAS, Florence has been a virtual Rock of Gibraltar at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Words fall completely short in describing and praising Florence's talents and contributions, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council expresses its appreciation for her work and accomplishments over the past seventeen years."

Appreciation of this tribute to Florence was expressed by Executive Officer Donovan, on behalf of the Civil Service Commission.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved for adoption of the above stated Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

44. Councilman Wilson advised that it will be necessary for him to be absent for three or four weeks in May, due to U.S.C. requirements in the Fiji Islands, and requested that a leave of absence be granted him. Councilman Rossberg so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

45. In view of the forthcoming absence of Councilman Wilson, Mayor Miller appointed Councilman Armstrong to temporarily serve on the Park, Recreation and Community Development Committee.

46. Pastor W.D. Smith, First Pentecostal Church, 2147 West 237th Street, reviewed the past history regarding the unsuccessful expansion efforts of his church, and the Conditional Use Permit obtained at that time; the financial difficulties of the church; the present plan to remodel their existing quarters; and the request that the Conditional Use Permit fees be waived at this time, their previous application having expired.

Following Council discussion regarding appropriate procedures, Councilwoman Geissert MOVED that on the reapplication of the subject Conditional Use Permit the usual fees be waived, and that the Planning Commission and other concerned Staff do everything possible to expedite the matter and assist Reverend Smith procedurally. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

47. Mr. Spencer Willens, 509 Via la Selva, president, Riviera Homeowners Association, expressed their concerns regarding the Village Palos Verdes (HDR) project in the area of title insurance, legal ownership of the property, etc. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the necessary title search will be made. Mr. Nathan Kurtz, 109 Via Soledad, noted his like concerns in the matter of ownership of the subject property, particularly in the fact that a building permit had been issued to Village Palos Verdes Company (rather than HDR Homes, Inc.) for Phase II.

Mayor Miller referred the above matter to City Attorney Remelmeyer and Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

48. Ms. Virginia Constantino, 22219 Redbeam Avenue, expressed the appreciation of the homeowners in this area for the efficient action of the Police Department in the apprehension of burglars in this area.

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At 10:00 P.M., Councilman Surber moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss hours, wages and working conditions (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 10:10 P.M., at which time Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Wednesday, April 28, 1976 at 3:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

*Ken Miller*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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