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Adjourned at 12:00 Midnight

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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, June 1, 1976, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Brewster, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Councilwoman Geissert arrived at 5:35 P.M.; Councilman Surber at 5:55 P.M.) Absent: None.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Water System Manager Borgwat led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Bill Norton, South Bay Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

None available.

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Armstrong 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 Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmembers Geissert and Surber had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

No reports.

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PRESENTATIONS:8. COMMENDATION TO SEPULVEDA SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CREATION OF BICENTENNIAL QUILT.

Mayor Miller commended Sepulveda School students for their creation of a most unique Bicentennial Quilt -- a tile plaque was presented to each student; there was grateful acceptance of this recognition by Sepulveda School Principal Hugh Dooley.

9. YOUTH BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES.

Reports on Youth Bicentennial Activities were provided by John Gary, West High; Mark Ozawa, Torrance High School; and Terry Yoshii, North High.

10. HANDMADE CROSS-STITCH BICENTENNIAL WALL HANGING.

Mrs. Ella Borgwat presented her beautiful handmade Bicentennial Wall Hanging -- representing some 50 hours of work -- to the Bicentennial Committee via Russell West.

PROCLAMATIONS:

11. BICENTENNIAL 21-DAY FLAG SALUTE - June 14 - July 4, 1976.

12. TORRANCE SUMO APPRECIATION DAYS - June 4-6, 1976.

So proclaimed by Mayor Miller.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

13. ORDINANCE setting 35 MPH speed limit on Torrance Blvd.

ORDINANCE NO. 2663

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 61.10.3 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING A THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT FOR TORRANCE BOULEVARD BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND WESTERLY CITY LIMITS

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2663 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Virgil Hall, 4302 Torrance Boulevard, pointed out the speeding problems in the service road on Torrance Boulevard between Anza and Ocean -- Police Chief Nash stated that he would investigate this matter.

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14. STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 76-1.

Assessment Engineer Rossetti provided desired clarification.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO PREPARE A REPORT CONSISTING OF AN ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE "IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911", BEING DIVISION 7 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MARBELITE STANDARDS WITH UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION SERVICE ON TORRANCE BOULEVARD BETWEEN THE WESTERLY CITY LIMITS AND ANZA AVENUE AND ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN 236TH STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, TO BE KNOWN AS STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 76-1 IN SAID CITY

Councilman Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-107. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OF SAID CITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MARBELITE STANDARDS WITH UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION SERVICE IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 76-1

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-108. Her motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15. SELECTION AND AUTHORIZATION OF ADDING TWO NEW LINES TO THE TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

- I. The approval of the addition of two new lines to be implemented upon receipt of our two new buses and the authorization to hire six new temporary drivers to be funded from available SB-325 funds and prospective SB-386 funds. Upon your approval of the two new routes, Staff will make the necessary arrangements with all agencies involved. The route options recommended in order of Staff priority are:
1. Route A because it is needed to replace the service of RTD Line #150, has an established patronage (farebox), and the potential of bringing citizens from Lomita and Redondo Beach to the center of Torrance.
  2. Route B because it will fill the biggest hole in service within Torrance, has a high potential for good ridership, and will serve many businesses and residents who currently have no service.
  3. It is recommended that Route C be deferred at this time because there are technical problems and because it already has some partial service and should have a lower priority to A and B.
  4. Route D is not recommended because it does not have as many benefits as the alternate choice of Route A, and it would abandon service to Torrance residents on Arlington between Carson and Sepulveda.
- II. That your Honorable Body approve the implementation of SCRTD's "South Bay Improvement Program" with the condition that Hawthorne service be converted to "limited" service at such time that Torrance desires to take over the "local" service in the City. Staff will communicate your action on this matter to the District.

Staff clarification was provided by Director of Transportation Horkay, Transportation Administrator Wendt, and Bus Operator Williams.

It was the consensus of the Council that Route B should be given top priority because of the crosstown service and overall community benefit thereby afforded.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Transportation; however, giving Route B top priority. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. SIX-MONTH STUDY OF PARKING LANE STRIPING ON CALLE MAYOR.

RECOMMENDATION OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION/TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: That this report be filed and that no further action be taken at this time.

Mr. Joe Clukey, 856 Calle de Arboles, recommended that the striping be continued to Palos Verdes Boulevard, and presented a petition with some 50 signatures in support of such action. Mr. Clukey further recommended that there be just one lane for the boulevard stop intersections.

Deeming the striping extremely successful, Mr. Bhuta, 5307 Calle Mayor, recommended continuation of same to Palos Verdes Boulevard.

It was the comment of Councilwoman Geissert that Calle Mayor traffic is now moving in a much more orderly fashion -- it would be even more logical to extend the striping past Los Altos where Calle Mayor is more narrow and there are no sidewalks.

Concurrence with Mrs. Geissert's comments was indicated by Councilman Brewster who likewise commented on the improved situation, and recommended continuation of the striping. Mr. Brewster also noted the problems at the stop sign where the striping ends, as pointed out by Mr. Clukey -- a "right turn only" arrow was suggested. Next questioned by Councilman Brewster were the merits of allowing for a pedestrian lane next to the parked car striping, in view of the heavy pedestrian traffic.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the striping be continued over to Palos Verdes Boulevard, with Staff review of the above comments by Councilman Brewster. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

25. V76-3, BEN H. AND PAUL L. SMITH. Request for a variance of the off-street parking requirements in the C-2 zone to permit the demolition and replacement of an existing warehouse on property located at 1421 Marcelina Avenue. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION/ PLANNING DEPARTMENT, WITH CONDITIONS.

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, and inquired if anyone wished to be heard. There was no response.

Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the findings and the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of V76-3, subject to Staff conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned to its regular agenda order.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

17. ASSIGNMENT OF CROSSING GUARD AT LINDA DRIVE AND PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT/DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. That the assignment of a crossing guard at the intersection of Linda Drive and Palos Verdes Boulevard be approved; and
2. That \$120 be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve for the assignment of this crossing guard for the remainder of the current school term.

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

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

18. CITIZEN APPEAL of Traffic Commission/Police Department/Department of Transportation recommendation that a permanent crossing guard at Calle Mayor, Carlow Road and Mayor Drive be denied at this time pending further study. It is further recommended that a temporary crossing guard be assigned for the remainder of the current school year and for 30 days at the beginning of the next school term.

Present to elaborate on the imperative need for a permanent crossing guard at the subject location were: Katy Friedlander, 23501 Carlow Road, vice chairman, Seaside PTA; Eugene and Barbara Galucci, 22322 Evalyn Avenue; James Wright, 23202 Evalyn; and Mike Tamble, 22316 Charlotte Drive. These speakers detailed the hazardous traffic situation on Calle Mayor and their concerns for the safety of the school children, and indicated their disagreement with the findings of the Department of Transportation.

Staff clarification and Council discussion followed. The unique circumstances of this case were acknowledged, as were the traffic problems on Calle Mayor, and the following action resulted:

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to grant the request for a crossing guard on a permanent basis, starting next school semester, with a Staff report back in six months from that date.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. CITY MANAGER'S 1976-77 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman reviewed the highlights of the 1976-77 Proposed Budget.

Budget Workshop Sessions were scheduled as follows:

Monday, June 14th	4:30 P.M.
Thursday, June 17th	4:30 P.M.
Friday, June 18th	4:30 P.M.
Monday, June 21st	4:30 P.M.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: hours, wages and working conditions.

See Page 14.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2660.

ORDINANCE NO. 2660

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING PROCEDURES REGULATING THE PURCHASES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERVICES BY SAID CITY

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2661.

ORDINANCE NO. 2661

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO SECTION 17.42.1 OF PART IV, CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO STEP ADVANCEMENT

23. ORDINANCE NO. 2662.

ORDINANCE NO. 2662

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 18 AND 19 OF ARTICLE 31 OF CHAPTER 2 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO SIMPLIFY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PROCEDURES, AND ADDING SECTION 21 TO ARTICLE 31 OF CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 9 OF SAID CODE TO REQUIRE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS BY DECISION MAKERS

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinances No. 2660, 2661 and 2662 at their second and final readings. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:30 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess as the City Council, and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. A 10-minute recess followed at 7:32 P.M.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

24. HILLSIDE STUDY.

To be considered under Item #24:

- a. A REPORT FROM THE BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR indicating that the City's geologic consultant needs an additional 30 days to complete his report with a RECOMMENDATION that the time extension be granted, and that in lieu of extending the Hillside Moratorium, new regulations be adopted to further govern hillside development.
- b. An ORDINANCE extending the Hillside Moratorium for 45 days. Staff does not feel that continuation of the moratorium is necessary. However, your Honorable Body may wish to extend the moratorium pending completion of the consultant's report, analysis, etc. Should you do so, your attention is also directed to Item "c(5)" below, which establishes a vested right to a building permit if certain conditions are met.
- c. REVISIONS TO THE ORDINANCE that prescribes requirements for hillside development. Assuming that a moratorium is no longer in effect, Staff recommends that the following changes be made:
  - 1) Require a Precise Plan on all hillside lots.
  - 2) Define a hillside lot on the basis of the existing grade.
  - 3) Delete the word "usable" in connection with open space requirements.

In addition, pursuant to Council discussion, enabling legislation has been prepared which would permit the following:

- 4) Establish a 25-foot height limitation, subject to minor extension, as part of a Precise Plan.

- 5) A provision to grant a building permit to parties who have either previously received Planning Commission approval or who submit final construction plans to Building and Safety on or before Friday, June 4, 1976. This matter is for your consideration only if a moratorium is extended. The language providing for this is contained in the subject recommended ordinance. Should there be no moratorium, this Section 91.4.14 (page 3 of the Ordinance) would not be needed.

Staff presentation was provided by Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

Comments from the audience were invited by Mayor Miller.

First to speak was Mr. Joseph Wells, 3838 Bluff Street, who urged that the moratorium be continued until the consultant's report is complete in view of the present damage to the hillside area -- specifically noted was the fact that a mud slide had occurred at 3849 Paseo de las Tortugas; that there is extensive erosion on an adjacent lot; and Bluff Street is the recipient of a large amount of debris. Also noted by Mr. Wells were the traffic hazards on Vista Montana; the blind turns at Wilmington/Newton/Calle de Primera and at Vista Montana off Via Lado and adjoining streets; and the collection of grading material at the base of sites presently under construction on Mesa.

Also present to urge retention of the moratorium until completion of the consultant's studies were: Mr. Douglas Brown, representing Riviera Homeowners Association, and Mrs. Joyce Olds, 5002 Paseo del Pavon.

Council discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of the moratorium, and the action taken is reflected below:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director to lift the moratorium. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to grant a 30-day time extension to Converse Davis Dixon Associates in order to complete the hillside report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brewster, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion was now directed to the contents of Ordinance A and Ordinance B, particularly as to "Vested Right" and "Building Height".

Speakers at this time were: Mr. Sam Jewett, 4503 Newton Street, who described the devastating effect of a 25-ft. height requirement for his proposed residence in the hillside area, as well as

his preparation of extensive plans, geology studies, etc; Mr. James Gurlock - has completed plans for a 27-ft. and a 28½-ft. house which were developed under the old hillside ordinance; Mr. Robert Anderson, developer of Lot #1 on Via El Chico - ascertained that his proposed development had been "grandfathered" in and would not be affected by Ordinance A or B; Mr. James R. Davis, representing six lot owners in the subject area, stated that a 25-ft. height limit would "just about wipe us out"; Mr. Frank Burton, owner of lot on Via el Chico, advised that a 25 ft. height limit would be disastrous in his case; Mrs. Ruby McKee - in her opinion, the moratorium should be extended because of the unanswered geological questions; there is also a need for more detailed reports regarding critical lots; Mr. Joseph Wells, 3838 Bluff Street, recommended special consideration to builders already committed to a 35-ft. height, but otherwise hold to the 25-ft. height limitation.

Other speakers were: Mr. Douglas Brown, representing Riviera Homeowners Association, recommended the 25-ft. height limit -- further, expressed concern regarding the likely flurry of building plans between now and the Friday deadline; Mr. Edward Villalobos, representing several Mesa Street builders, voiced objections to a Precise Plan requirement in that it places unreasonable restrictions on future construction -- the 25-ft. height limit also presents problems; Mr. Lorschmidt (?), representing owners of lots on Mesa Street, questioned the merits of a Precise Plan requirement which, in his opinion, comes very close to spot zoning and inverse condemnation, and objected to the restrictive nature of what is proposed; and Mr. Spencer Willens, 501 Via la Selva, who noted that the original hillside ordinance had a Precise Plan written into it and that the 25 ft. height limit was not a recommendation of the Riviera Homeowners Association but of Staff and the Planning Commission.

Councilman Armstrong spoke in favor of Ordinance A, it being his opinion that there are adequate safety valves therein, along with the accepted, standard devices of the waiver and variance process.

It was confirmed by Councilman Wilson that the heights of existing homes vary from 25+ to 35 ft. -- he thereupon offered the following:

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved that, in terms of fairness to everyone, Ordinance B be adopted in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

Discussion by the Council resumed -- questioned by Councilwoman Geissert was the deletion of the word "usable" in connection with open space requirements, as well as the use of driveways in open space computations. Councilman Brewster indicated his concern for rushing into something that has not been totally analyzed -- the adoption of Ordinance B will completely destroy the uphill aesthetics from the street in the hillside area. It was the suggestion of Mr. Brewster than an "envelope ordinance" be designed which fits both flat land and hillside land.

Roll call vote on Councilman Wilson's motion to adopt Ordinance B was as follows:

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out the need for a 5-2 vote in order to adopt an Emergency Ordinance. Councilman Armstrong thereupon changed his vote to "YES", and the motion carried by a 5-2 vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2664

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 91.2.79, 91.4.2, 91.4.9, 91.4.10 AND 91.4.12 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING SECTION 91.4.13 TO SAID CODE IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE AS TO DEFINITION OF A HILLSIDE LOT, PRECISE PLAN REQUIREMENT AND OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 2664 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2665

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 91.2.79, 91.4.2, 91.4.9, 91.4.10 AND 91.4.12 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING SECTION 91.4.13 IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE AS TO DEFINITION OF A HILLSIDE LOT, PRECISE PLAN REQUIREMENT AND OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2664

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2665 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Surber, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

HEARINGS - PLANNING:

25. V76-3, Ben and Paul Smith, - See Page 5.

ROUTINE MATTERS:26. EXPENDITURES OVER \$300:RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That Council approve the following purchases:

1. \$1,000 to California Fireworks Display Company to furnish a fireworks display for Armed Forces Day Celebration, as requested by the City Clerk's Office.
2. \$347.95 to Mary's Color Bar for paint requested by the Department of Transportation for painting traffic control sign posts by CETA personnel.
3. \$470.13 to West Publishing Company for eleven various legal publications requested by the City Attorney's Office.
4. \$387.67 to Bancroft Whitney Company for four various legal publications requested by the City Attorney's Office.
5. \$1200 to Varda, Inc. to update 100 only Varda Intruder Alarm Units to reduce incidents of failure in the field -- requested by the Police Department.
6. \$999.86 to Smith & Hartford Custom Coach for necessary repairs to a GMC Coach (City Bus #357) involved in an accident.
7. \$515.77 to Johnny Gillette Tire Company to perform necessary tire repair and recapping services as required by the City Garage.
8. \$440.84 to Smith & Hartford Custom Coach for necessary repairs to a GMC (City Bus #341) involved in an accident.
9. \$309.07 to GMC Truck and Coach for necessary GMC repairs as requested by the City Garage.
10. \$683.59 to Pacific States Cast Iron Company for miscellaneous water pipe fittings (12" size) as requested by the Water Department.
11. \$1869.79 to Parkson, Inc. for miscellaneous 6", 8" and 10" valves and fittings as requested by the Water Dept. as a part of the Torrance Water Pressure Zone Improvement Program.
12. \$361.88 to Safeway Signs Company for the purchase of miscellaneous replacement traffic control signs, as requested by the Department of Transportation.
13. \$320.29 to Southwest Printing & Litho for the printing of various City letterheads, business cards and City envelopes, as requested by the Central Services Division.

14. \$798.18 to William O'Neill & Company for the printing and binding of library reference catalogs requested by the City Librarian.
15. \$942.34 to Bell & Howell Micro Photo Division for a renewal subscription for 245 metropolitan area telephone directories on microfiche.
16. \$311.29 to West State Books for 37 library books.
17. \$849.28 to Needham Book Finders for 167 library books.
18. \$676.05 to Automatic Printing for the printing of library book transaction slips requested by the City Librarian.
19. \$1224.72 to California Book Supply for 80 library books.
20. \$12,000.00 to Econolite Corporation for the renewal of an annual contract for traffic signal hardware with price discounts unchanged for another year.
21. \$4,600.40 to Walters Wholesale Electric Company for a contract to furnish 140,000 lineal feet of #10 copper wire, as requested by the Park Services Division to replace the KNX underground antenna system at the Columbia Park site which will be destroyed (in part) because of the installation of a new park sprinkler system. (Ref. Formal Bid #B76-23)

27. REPLACEMENT OF MISSING PORTABLE RADIO.

RECOMMENDATION OF FIRE CHIEF:

That Council appropriate the necessary funds to purchase a replacement portable radio, and approve an award to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. to furnish subject replacement radio in the total amount of \$1006.47, including tax. This is a direct purchase from the manufacturer, with a General Fund appropriation.

MOTION: Councilman Surber moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #26 and #27. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. City Attorney Remelmeier requested an Executive Session at the close of this meeting to discuss pending litigation.
29. Councilman Armstrong requested appropriate recognition for Leslie Woolfsberger commending her achievement as a member of the Olympic's Gymnast Team.

30. Councilman Surber announced that he will present his official letter of resignation from the Council on June 29, 1976. It was the request of Mr. Surber that he be excused from the June 15th Council meeting in that he will be on vacation at that time. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Miller requested that the City Attorney provide a report as to procedures to be followed by the Council in light of Mr. Surber's resignation.

Councilman Wilson stated his regret at Mr. Surber's departure from the Council -- he has been a "good balance" and a man of integrity, honesty and intelligence. These comments were concurred in by the Council.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION regarding hours, wages and working conditions (and pending litigation, per Item 28).

At 10:30 P.M. Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss the above matters (proper subject matters, per City Attorney Remelmeyer). The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The Council returned at 11:58 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the Memorandum of Intent between TPSA and representatives of management. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Armstrong moved to adjourn to Monday, June 14, 1976, at 4:30 P.M. for the first Budget Workshop Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Surber, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The hour of adjournment was 12:00 Midnight.

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APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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