

June 18, 1976

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 3

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Friday, June 18, 1976, at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Geissert, Rossberg, Wilson and Mayor Miller. Absent: Councilmen Brewster (illness) and Surber.

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

3. PRESENTATIONS BY COMMUNITY GROUPS:

A. Chamber of Commerce  
Budget Review Committee

The formal report of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Budget Review Committee (of official record) was presented by Mr. Adam Moro.

Specifically discussed were the recommendations contained therein pertaining to the proposed Police Facility, and the recommendations of Staff in this regard. It was the request of Councilman Rossberg that Staff provide a report regarding various avenues of financing in order that the ramifications may be reviewed. Additional information pertaining to the physical location and necessary amount of land needed was requested by Councilwoman Geissert.

B. League of Women Voters

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Ms. Joyce Favor, 20011 Tomlee, provided a prepared statement (of record) outlining their concerns re: the inadequate budget afforded the Torrance Library System; the need for bus signs diagramming connecting bus routes; adequate budget planning so that bus service will not have to be reduced, in the event the Los Angeles County subsidy is not maintained; the acquisition of a noise monitoring system at the Airport, along with the recommendation that an external group, other than the Airport Division, review the findings and proposed possible solutions -- concurrence with the City Manager's findings relative to the recommended reduced tax rate was also indicated by Ms. Favor.

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C. North Torrance Homeowners Association

Mr. William Largent requested, and received, clarification regarding seeming cutbacks in areas of police protection. Pointed out by City Manager Ferraro was the fact that the budget reflects the reorganization of the Police Department, with the establishment of different divisions, hence the confusion regarding the allocations of funds and personnel.

D. Southwood Homeowners Association

Mrs. Rachel Meyer presented the findings of this homeowners association: there should be more visible police officers, and personnel service levels should be maintained; police and fire protection should be the no. 1 priority in services provided by the City of Torrance.

Questions posed by Mrs. Meyer: does the Torrance Police Department have a juvenile narcotics officer -- are records maintained on the number of incidents involving juvenile narcotic offenders -- will the Police Department still provide the daytime school patrols -- what methods were used to arrive at the figures for school children who will be using dePortola Park?

In reference to the proposed Police Facility, it was the opinion of the Southwood Homeowners Association that it is a needed improvement -- however, the method of financing this facility (leaseback, Joint Powers) means that this project will cost over three times the original amount. The extensive Capital Improvement Program contained in this budget was noted; it should be kept in mind that there will be costs of continuing annual maintenance for these projects. Police and Fire protection will be required for these areas as well; hopefully, areas now covered by this protection will not be penalized.

It was the direction of Mayor Miller that Staff respond to Mrs. Meyer's questions, and that this response be available for the June 21st Budget Workshop.

E. Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association/John Adams School.

Mrs. Nancy Bartelt, 1976 West 237th Street, requested Council consideration of completion of the south end of Cabrillo Street, in view of the imperative need for same. Also noted by Mrs. Bartelt was the blind intersection at 237th Street and Cabrillo. City Engineer Weaver will prepare a report on this matter for the June 21st Workshop.

F. Fine Arts Commission

On behalf of the Fine Arts Commission, Mr. Bob Dye outlined their requisites for the forthcoming year, all of which have been incorporated in the budget with the exception of a marquee. The requested marquee (received too late for consideration in this budget) will have to be reviewed by Staff, per Assistant City Manager Scharfman.

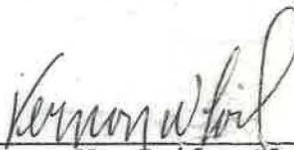
4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Councilman Armstrong requested Staff review regarding the possible reinstatement of the "Torrance Topics" publication, as well as the merits of a 9.0% tax reduction instead of 8.8%.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Miller announced that the next Budget Workshop would be held on Monday, June 21, 1976, at 4:30 P.M. Councilman Rossberg MOVED to so adjourn; motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and approval was unanimous (Councilmen Brewster, Surber absent). The hour was 5:50 P.M.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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