

June 21, 1976

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 4

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Monday, June 21, 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. Councilman Brewster arrived at 5:40 P.M. Absent: Councilman Surber.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

City Engineer Weaver led in the salute to the flag.

3. CITY COUNCIL DELIBERATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CITY BUDGET AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY COMMUNITY GROUPS AND CITIZENS.

Council discussion was directed to written Staff reports (of record) pertaining to the following subjects:

A. OPERATING BUDGET:

Proposed Water Rate Increase

Continuance of franchise in-lieu contribution to General Fund from Water Fund

Exemption on rubbish collection charges and mini-bus service for Senior Citizens

Chamber of Commerce Budget Review Committee's recommendations re: reduction of Utility Users' Tax from 6% to 5%; reinstatement of use of gas tax funds and revenue sharing funds for operations

Library program cutbacks in previous years and possible trade-offs

League of Women Voters concern re: lack of library material acquisition funds

City Manager's amended recommendation re: Chamber of Commerce contracted services

Councilman Armstrong's suggestion re: possible reinstatement of Torrance Topics.

Council direction is reflected below:

That Staff return with reports pertaining to: water rate increase impacts; the possible arrangement of a bus service for

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Senior Citizens to their Commission meetings or in cases where there are Council agenda items of importance to Senior Citizens.

B. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Chamber of Commerce Budget Review Committee's recommendation of financing the new Police Station on a "pay-as-you-go" basis
 Use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for four additional park and recreation facilities
 Installation of marquee, as requested by Fine Arts Commission
 Cabrillo Street Improvement

There was Staff clarification and Council discussion regarding the above items, it being the general consensus that the four additional park and recreation facilities were in order, with the understanding that there will be further study regarding revenue sharing funds. It was the further direction that Staff return with alternatives for financing of the Police Facility. Councilmembers Geissert and Wilson favored the requested marquee, but the majority of the Council decided that the matter should be held in abeyance. The Cabrillo Street Improvement was approved for inclusion in the budget.

The Council thereupon adopted, in principle, the City Manager's Budget for 1976-77 -- Staff was commended for an outstanding document; City Manager Ferraro expressed appreciation for Council and Staff support.

It was the request of Councilman Brewster that the Transportation Department review their estimate for sources of funds for bus operations -- the County subsidy appears overestimated -- and report back to the Council regarding the impact on bus operations.

The final Budget Workshop Session was formally adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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APPROVED:

Ken Miller

Mayor of the City of Torrance
 Ava Cripe
 Minute Secretary

Vernon W. Coll
 Vernon W. Coll, Clerk of the
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