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Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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July 6, 1976

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, July 6, 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. 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:

Finance Director Dundore led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Boyd R. Kifer, Church of the Nazarene, provided the invocation for the meeting.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 1976, as recorded. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting).

6. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Wilson 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 (Councilwoman Geissert had not yet arrived at the meeting).

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee:  
July 7th - 5:30 P.M.

1. City Council  
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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

8. RESOLUTION honoring Mike Roy for his service to the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING MIKE ROY FOR  
HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND  
FOR THE PLEASURE HE GAVE TO THE CITIZENS  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-130. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was the direction of the Council that Resolution No. 76-130 be permaplaqued and presented to Mrs. Mike Roy.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

9. REQUEST OF NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH for permission to conduct bingo games for charitable purposes.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER:

That the Council direct the City Attorney to provide information on a possible ordinance, before you actually consider adopting such an ordinance. Then you would be able to get all of the information from the City Attorney, City Manager and Chief of Police regarding all the pertinent data and information that you would be considering in an ordinance.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. SOCIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT.

RECOMMENDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION:

That Council direct that the Planning Department be instructed to immediately begin a Social Needs Assessment, which should be completed within one year of commencement.

RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR:

That prior to reaching a decision on going ahead with the Social Resources Element of the General Plan, you allow Staff sufficient time to complete this time-cost report in the light of our other priorities.

Mrs. Barbara Honeycutt, 4213 Scott Street, provided copies of her article in this matter, for the information of interested parties.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendations of both the Planning Director and the Human Resources Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PUBLIC WORKS:

11. REQUEST OF CHACKSFIELD MERIT HOMES CORPORATION to build four model homes in Tentative Tract No. 29773 (Ocean Avenue south of 227th Street).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER: Approval of the request, subject to the following:

1. No sewer connections will be allowed to the model homes.
2. The developer post a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000 to guarantee removal of the model homes in the event that the Final Tract Map does not record within six months.

The proponent was present to request that the surety bond be in the amount of \$50,000, rather than \$100,000. Building and Safety Director McKinnon indicated concurrence with the proponent's request, and deemed it a reasonable one.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with the above stated recommendations of Staff, modifying the surety bond requirement to \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMISSION MATTERS:

12. TILE PLAQUE AWARDS/COMMISSION INTERVIEWS:

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY CLERK:

1. That Bonnie Burns, Robert A. McLemore and Harold Todd be presented with a large tile plaque, in accordance with policy established July 18, 1976, that all Commissioners who have served at least four years receive a large tile plaque.
2. That the City Council fix a time and date for interviewing applicants to fill the vacancy on the Torrance Disaster Council, the Traffic Commission, the Water Commission and the Fine Arts Commission. To allow time to place a public notice in the Daily Breeze to advertise these vacancies, we would suggest that the date be set for July 27, 1976.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the above stated recommendation of the City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MANPOWER MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING

3. City Council  
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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 SOUTH BAY DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.; PLASMA TECHNOLOGY, INC.; AETO-CRAFT HYDRAULICS, INC.; ACRO MACHINE COMPANY; AND CAPITOL METALS, INC.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-131. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

14. APPROPRIATION FOR TEMPORARY PILOTS LOUNGE - Torrance Municipal Airport.

RECOMMENDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/  
AIRPORT COMMISSION:

That Council appropriate an additional \$5,000 from Airport Retained Earnings for the renovation and furnishing of the temporary pilots lounge.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. RESOLUTIONS re: contract amendment with State Employment Development Department and Manpower Development and Training Consultants.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR MANPOWER SERVICES

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-132. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO A SUBGRANT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR MANPOWER SERVICES

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-133. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. ORDINANCE re: employee insurance - Torrance Library Employees Association.

ORDINANCE NO. 2674

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.74.1 DEALING WITH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.74.1 DEALING WITH THE SAME SUBJECT TO PART VII OF CHAPTER 7, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR THE TORRANCE LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Councilman Armstrong moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 2674 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76-134

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

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-134. His motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

18. DISTRIBUTION OF AND FEES FOR AGENDA PACKETS.

It was the ultimate consensus of the Council, following discussion, that there was need for further review of the recommendations offered by the Agenda Packet Distribution Policy Team.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer Item #18 to the Finance Committee for study and analysis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

19. TORRANCE COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY.

RECOMMENDATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION/

CITY MANAGER: That Council authorize the Office of the City Manager to prepare a Torrance Community Resource Directory as described in July 2, 1976 communication of record.

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

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION re: Pending Litigation.

See Page 13.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2672.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 225.1.3, 225.1.4, 225.1.5, 225.1.6, 225.1.7 AND 225.1.17 TO PROVIDE FOR REDUCTION OF THE UTILITY USERS TAX RATE AND REVISION OF THE AMOUNT OF INCOME PERMITTED FOR SENIOR CITIZEN'S EXEMPTIONS AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2671 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2672 at its second and final reading. His motion, seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

22. ORDINANCE NO. 2673.

ORDINANCE NO. 2673

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Councilwoman Geissert moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2673 at its second and final reading. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

23. RESOLUTION re: CUP 74-8, Jan F. Wilson Company.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING

A MODIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED  
 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE  
 CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR UNIT CONDOMINIUM  
 APARTMENT ON PROPERTY IN THE R-3 PD ZONE  
 LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF PALOS VERDES  
 BOULEVARD APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET NORTH OF  
 CALLE MIRAMAR  
 (CUP 74-8 (EA 74-8) - Jan F. Wilson Company)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 76-135. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING HEARINGS:

24. D 76-6, Simaco and Agnes Cagaanan and Donald and Beverly Williams: Appeal of Planning Commission approval of a division of lot to create four parcels on property located between 237th and 238th Street west of Cabrillo Avenue. Approved by the Planning Commission and recommended for approval by the Planning Department.

Mayor Miller announced that this was the time and place for the continued hearing in this matter -- Councilmembers confirmed that they had viewed the subject site this past week. Council discussion was directed to the unique aspects of the subject property, particularly as to setbacks, grade differential, access problems, the 250' driveway, etc.

Comments from the audience were then invited by the Mayor:

Mr. Sam Martin, 2015 West 238th Street, stated that he is moving out of this area for the reason that his property is landlocked -- a situation created many years ago by the school construction which was permitted. Relief for the older residents with these large lots was urged by Mr. Martin.

Next to speak was Mr. Leroy Jackson, 2031 West 238th Street, who urged that Condition #9 - "That a PCR shall be required on the entire parcel." - be retained, in the event of Council approval of the lot split.

Further Council discussion ensued, it being the ultimate consensus, after the on-site inspection, that what is proposed is the best attainable solution. Dissenting, Councilman Wilson was concerned that there might be future lot splits were buildings removed to accommodate them; he also noted the square footage differentials in the subject lots.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved that the subject appeal be DENIED, and that the decision of the Planning Commission for approval of D 76-6 be reaffirmed, subject to all Staff conditions, and to the further condition that any required sewer line easements be provided. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wilson.

25. CUP 76-40, SOETERIOS J. MENZELOS and ERNEST G. HOVIVIAN:  
Appeal of Planning Commission denial of Conditional Use Permit to allow the use of an existing building for a beauty salon in the L-P zone on property located on the south side of Carson Street at Cota Avenue. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

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 advertised public hearing on CUP 76-40, and, following Staff presentation by Planning Director Shartle, invited comments from the audience.

Mr. Soterios Menzelos, owner-occupant of the subject building, described recent remodeling efforts, proposed parking arrangements, etc. Mr. Menzelos also indicated his willingness to reduce the floor space of the beauty shop from 650 ft. to less than 600 ft. which will eliminate the need for one parking space, and the operators of the beauty shop have agreed to hire only one employee, instead of two, to further reduce parking requirements. Restricted parking along Carson was also favored by Mr. Menzelos, and the Transportation Department has been contacted in this regard.

Next to speak was Ms. Linda Brown, 1617 El Prado, who reviewed the parking problems in this area, and noted that the usual beauty shop turnover is one customer per operator every fifteen minutes, which would seem to compound the present parking problem.

At this point in the meeting, Planning Director Shartle noted the letter of protest received from Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.

In response to the above comments by Ms. Brown, Mr. Hovivian, proponent, advised that one customer every half hour is a more realistic estimate.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Wilson moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to grant the subject appeal and approve CUP 76-40, subject to Staff conditions, with the following modifications and additions:

Condition #4: That the beauty shop floor area shall not exceed 600 square feet.

Condition #5: That the enterprise be limited to two operators.

Condition #6: That all trees on site remain.

Condition #7: That there be appropriate marking of the parking area.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Geissert (too many parking problems).

26. CUP 76-42, First Pentacostal Church: Appeal of Planning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the expansion of an existing church for educational facilities in the R-1 zone on property located at 2147 West 237th Street. RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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. Staff presentation was made by Planning Director Shartle, following which the Mayor invited comments from the audience.

Attorney Jack Magnus, representing Mr. Bernard Hatt and other interested neighbors in the subject area, outlined Code violations on the church property, and urged that the Conditional Use Permit not be granted.

Pastor W.D. Smith, proponent, presented a rendering of the proposed facility, followed by review of the extensive efforts of the church to date in behalf of this project -- a petition of approval, with signatures of 32 homeowners, was provided by Pastor Smith.

Next to speak was Mr. Bernard Hatt, 2144 West 237th Street, who reviewed the church's long history of poor maintenance, noise, etc.; the detrimental effect of the church on the neighborhood, and, specifically, his residential property; -- expansion of the church will only add to existing deleterious conditions. Mr. Hatt presented a petition requesting denial of the request.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Geissert, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Council discussion was directed to: pending plans of the proposed church expansion; parking requirements; annex building use; assurance re: financing program, so that the total plan would be developed on a timely basis; compatibility with residential neighborhood; etc.

The following series of motions evolved:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to DENY the appeal. The motion was seconded by Mayor Miller.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was offered by Councilman Wilson: That Item #26 be continued for two weeks until plans are presented and reviewed. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, but FAILED TO CARRY, with a tie vote as follows:

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

The main motion also FAILED TO CARRY, with a tie vote as follows:

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

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to refer the entire matter back to the Planning Commission for full analysis of the forthcoming plans and related matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARING - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

27. REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN TAXICAB FARE RATES.

Fasco Investments, Inc. dba South Bay Yellow Cab

RECOMMENDATION OF LICENSE REVIEW BOARD:

Approval of requested increase, as follows:

- 80¢ flag drop and 1st  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile
- 20¢ for each  $\frac{2}{9}$  mile (90¢ per mile)
- 30¢ per mile surcharge on trips 10 miles or more outside franchise area
- 20¢ for each 1- $\frac{1}{3}$  minutes traffic delay or waiting time (\$9.00 per hour).

Staff clarification was provided by Finance Director Dundore.

There being no one present who wished to be heard, Councilman Armstrong moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Review Board. His motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

APPEALS - OTHER THAN PLANNING:

28. SIGN APPEAL - Jay's Automatic Transmission  
3740 Spencer Street

RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION:  
DENIAL of the request.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT:  
APPROVAL of the red, white and blue copy color scheme as presented by the proponent. Should Council grant this appeal, Staff recommends the following conditions:

1. The internal illumination intensity be of low impact designed to the satisfaction of the Building and Safety Department.
2. The illumination be limited to the hours of sunset until 10:00 P.M. so as to not visually impact and disturb residential properties located adjacent to this development.
3. The pole be architecturally treated so as to match the design and surface texture of the building.

The proponent, Mr. Tamayo, was present, and indicated concurrence with Staff conditions.

MOTION: Councilman Rossberg moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building and Safety Department -- approval of the red, white and blue color scheme, subject to above stated conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Armstrong, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ROUTINE MATTERS:

29. AWARD OF ANNUAL CONTRACTS for stationery supplies, B76-27.  
Annual Expenditure: \$22,897.62

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR/BUYER:

That Council approve the following two contract awards for bid items (of record):

1. An award be made to Inglewood Stationers in the total amount of \$11,649.79 (including tax) for Bid Items #6, 15-18, 23, 26, 28, 31-34, 36, 38, 41, 45, 47-49, 51-57, 63-65, 68-72, 75-80, 82, 84, 88-93, 97-100, 102, 103, 105, 108, 109, 111, 113, 115-120, 122, 124-130, 134, 135-139, 141, 144, 148, 149, 151-162, 177, 186, 187, 189-192, 194, 201-205, 212, 213, 218-223, 225-229, 231, 234, 235, 240-248, 253, and 257-266.
2. An award be made to Bevco Stationers in the total amount of \$11,247.83 (including tax) for Bid Items #1-5, 7-14, 19-21, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42-44, 46, 50, 58-60, 62, 66-67, 73, 74, 81, 83, 85-87, 94-96, 101, 104, 106, 107, 110, 112, 114, 121,

123, 131-133, 140, 143, 145-147, 150, 163-176,  
178-185, 188, 193, 195-200, 206-211, 214-217, 224,  
230, 232, 233, 236-239, 249-252 and 254-256.

30. INSURANCE - BOILER AND MACHINERY POLICY.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK:

That the Council accept the continuation of the policy with Pacific Indemnity Company for 1976-77 at an annual premium of \$5,394.

31. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF TIME CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT  
(Joseph Weiss)

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER:

The Engineering Department has no objection to the release of the deposit at this time. If curb and gutter are to be installed in the area, there will have to be an assessment district formed or some other unknown source of funding provided. Since this is not forthcoming and there is no serious street problem within the area, it seems to be reasonable to release Mr. Weiss' deposit.

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved to concur with Staff recommendations on agenda items #29, 30, and 31. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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The hour being 7:55 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 7:57 P.M.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. City Manager Ferraro announced the appointment of Councilman Armstrong to SCAG's Committee on Community and Economic Development.

32A. City Manager Ferraro pointed out the current County sanitation workers' strike at the local dump and the likely effect on City operations in this regard.

33. Director of Transportation Horkay announced that the City of Torrance is sponsoring the Western Public Transit Association meeting at Holiday Inn on Friday, July 9th, one of the speakers being Assistant to the City Manager Jackson.

34. It was the request of Councilman Armstrong that Staff investigate the type of services now being provided in the Carson Street facility of the Public Health Services -- also recommended by Mr. Armstrong was review of same by the Human Resources Commission.

35. Councilman Armstrong requested that the record reflect his congratulations and good wishes for Councilman Surber (his absence on June 29th prevented such expression at the appropriate time).

36. Councilman Armstrong announced that he must request an excused absence for the next six weeks in that he must undergo heart surgery.

There was unanimous concurrence in Mr. Armstrong's request, accompanied by the heartfelt good wishes of his fellow Councilmembers.

37. Councilwoman Geissert commended the efforts of all involved in the recent City employee "patio picnic", a most successful event. It was the suggestion of Mrs. Geissert that this patio area be put to use by the addition of benches and picnic tables for use by employees and City Hall visitors.

38. Councilwoman Geissert referred to the July 4th fire on Calle Mayor and the concerns regarding same, particularly with the lack of water pressure. It was the request of Mrs. Geissert that the City Council make a formal inquiry of the Public Utilities Commission as to any defective mechanisms which might have been involved. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

39. Councilman Rossberg likewise indicated his enjoyment of the employee's picnic, the dinner honoring former Councilman Uerkwitz, and the Mounted Posse Rodeo.

40. Councilman Wilson also expressed his enjoyment of the Rodeo, and noted the keen interest of people in horses -- hence something should be done about providing horse facilities in the City of Torrance, and urged further review of this matter.

41. Ms. Diane Hathaway commended the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for the outstanding "Torrance Night" at Dodger Stadium.

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20. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:05 P.M., Councilman Wilson moved to recess for the purpose of an Executive Session to discuss pending 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 8:28 P.M., and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilman Armstrong moved to authorize the expenditure of \$634.46 for off-shore oil litigation (which is the remainder of the \$1300.46 for Outer Continental Shelf litigation). The motion was seconded by Councilman Rossberg, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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City Council  
July 6, 1976

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